Diary of
Elizabeth Robson
of
Liverpool
1832–34

On the 2nd of 7th Mo 1832 I left home accompanied by Thomas Thompson to Lancaster, it was to me a very low time parting with my beloved husband, appeared more than usually trying, and the prospect of the journey before me very formidable, every way. I was also not a little indisposed in body so that altogether it was as much as I could do to bear up, but was permitted before reaching Lancaster to rise a little in a hope that my way was directed of the Lord — Thompson was kind and attentive to me and I felt grateful for it, but nothing of that sort tended to cheer me — I lodged at George and Elizabeth Barnes who with their daughters were very kind and James Crosfield had

1832
with the ~~help~~ aduice of other friends
got his horse & Chaise ready for
Margaret Binney myself to travel
with, she being to be my compa-
-nion for a while

miles
from Liverpool to Lancaster 52

3rd in the morning parted with T.J and
set off for Bentham John Banaw 15
going with us as guide. got there in
time for an appointed meeting which
was very small yet we were favored
to feel something of the overshadowing
of the wing of ancient goodness.
took some refreshment at — Cowting
who lives near the meeting
and afterwards dined at Mary
Tawnoms & Grace Belmonts two, valuable
women who live together as sisters
joined our society by convincement
many years since, before leaving
them we had a refreshing season,
it was consoling to believe they

1832 miles

were alive in spirit having I believe
bought out meetings 16 — 67
bought the truth and do set a high
value thereon and are careful not
to do anything against it but for
it — we parted with John Barnard
having been much pleased with
his company and kindness, and
also with the two women friends
and set off for Little, having 11
for our guide George Hemond
we were cordially received by
John Tatham & his Wife. here we
also met with Joseph Knight
of Hadleigh in Essex & Thos Walker
of Leeds both travel on religious
service it was somewhat cheering
to me but my mind remained
low and depressed — — — — —

4th attended meeting with friends in the
morning and had a public Meeting
in the evening, a little help was 2
I went afforded in each, but in the

meetings 3 — 78

1832 7th Mo

Brought over 3 — miles 78

there appeared to be much to hinder the arising of the pure life, and in the latter the people gathering very slowly seemed to be a hurt to the Meeting however I trust there was a solid feeling attended before the close the people were very quiet and I felt relieved after it was over.—

5th went to breakfast at John & Margaret Binkhecho at Ashley house where I had a religious opportunity after reading, they were kind & friendly in their behaviour to us and live in a fine situation but I am afraid outward comforts have too much place in their minds John took us in his Carriage to Newton-lad road and when we 15 got there the family had gone to meeting some time before we set knowing of our going however

miles 3—93

1832 meetings 3 — miles 93

when it was over at my request Francis
Mills invited the neighbors to come
in half an hour I being still unwell
and very weary laid down and got
a little rest, and was surprised to
find when we went to meeting the
house nearly filled with people and
I felt as I walked to my seat a great
flow of gospel love toward them
and it was an open good meeting
which tended to my encouragement
and after dinner had a religious
opportunity with Francis & Catharine
Mills and their daughter — and set
off for Lower Preston where we took tea &
met John Tatham jr with our horse
and Sis Felecia Hutchinson & Elias
Horsefall — who returned home with
I Birkbeck, and we went on in our
chaise I Tatham with us to Benton
quarterly at John & Ann Shackleton's 17
I felt still very unwell and began to

meetings 4 | — 110

1832 Broughtower meeting 4 — 110 mile

be afraid least I should not be able
to drive the exertion appeared to affect
my stomach in such a way that I
was very unwell, but though I was
much discouraged yet Holy Help
was mercifully near and kept me
from casting away my confidence
6th — sate with the few friends only
5 in number beside a little boy &
there was but little to be felt
yet I trust after some inward
travail of spirit a little capacity
was afforded to labour to turn them
to labour in the vineyard of their
own hearts — after dinner we set
off for Skipton a G. F. with us, here 8
we met with some lively spirited
friends, and receiving a comforting
letter from my friends husband
I was greatly revived and thankful
covered my spirit for this favour
my stomach was also better

meeting 6 — 118

1832 Brought over meetings 76 miles 118

and we had a comfortable ride in
the evening to Thornton to Richard 6
& Deborah Wilson who received us
with great kindness—the latter may
be said to be as a mother in Israel
here we were refreshed inwardly &
outwardly in a nice quiet heavenly
place—

7th had a very comfortable tendering
meeting with these two & two
aged women & a young woman (1)
the Meeting is held in their parlour
in the evening we went to
Skipton to a public meeting in the 6
Independent Meeting House small but
a quite solid time, rode to Lothersdale (1) 4
after William Dawson was over quite
both this and the preceding evening
he belongs to Skipton Meeting, we
were kindly entertained at the latter
place at John Chapmans—at Lothers-
-dale we quartered at Slater & Jones

Mtgs 8 134

1832 Brought over miles 81 miles
7th Stanfield, arrived late & rather 134
fatigued the road being very hilly
8th this morning Deborah Wilson came
to us who we were glad to see, the Meet.
was larger than any we have attended
since leaving home, and I thought I
was enabled to labour therein in a degree
of gospel authority, but felt low and
stripped after yet could not see
that I had either exceeded my mission
or kept back a part, and desired to be
content — in the evening had a public
Meeting which was in a considerable
degree relieving, after it had a short
parting opportunity with dear
John King who is in his 90th year
very tender and lively in spirit —
9th had a religious opportunity in
the family before we set off
Slater Stanfield accompanied
us to Bradford, where we received
a hearty welcom from my
10 134

dear cousins Esther & Benjamin 18
Seebohm, Mary Wheeler & Maria
Shipley in the evening had
a meeting with friends very
laborious and tiring, although
I endeavoured to do my best
yet I felt much discouraged
after it, but next morning
18th a friend told me that I had
had a right sense of the meeting
which helped to cheer me a little
we breakfasted at Sarah Harris's
dined at John Hustlers and had
a public meeting in the evening
at Bingley in a Methodist Meeting 6
house and returned to Bradford 6
to lodge — — 1
20th went to a meeting at Rhodes 7
with friends dined at B & H
Hustlers, returned to a public 7
meeting at Bradford, lodged at
cousin B Seebohms and about 2
meetings 14 178

1832

12th Brought our Meeting at three o clock in the morning miles 178
after preached her husband
with a fine boy — went to
Huddersfield week day Meeting
small but not unaccompanied 12
with life, quartered at John &
Phebe Fisher — where we staid
the following night —— C

13th went to Hallifax The Friends with us 11
a meeting with friends in the morning
& one with the neighbours in the evening C
quartered at Caleb & Catherine Stansfields

14th went to Underclift to a second breakfast 8
with us — after dinner
Thos Wichet & Edward Adamson went
with us to Gildersome a small meeting 7
after it we took some refreshment C
which Mary Hustler had very kindly
provided us — and our guide set us
to Mary Cooper's at Brighouse 7
15th the meeting was on time and very
satisfying to me — we dined at C
Meeting 19 | 223

1882 Brought over Meetings miles

Joseph and Ann Fritts at 19 223

Raistrick, in the evening had a crowded public Meeting at Huddersfield a laborious one to me but I trust we were marvellously favored with the Blessed Master's presence, were very kindly entertained at John Fishes after supper many more than their family being present, we had a religious opportunity, a solemn season I trust and I retired to rest weary but peaceful & thankful —

16th Edward Woodhead was our guide 8

to Woodale where Pontefract Mo Meeting was held where we met with friends from different Meetings stopped at James Booth Woodhead's before Meeting and dined at John Brooke's went to John & Mary Fritts in the evening at Highflats — 4

17th attended Cumberworth Meeting very small but attended with some life 4

Meetings 22 | 244

1832 Brought over meetings 22 244

Thomas Carnshaw a worthy friend
belongs to it, we returned to John
Fritts to dine — the above Meeting 4
hath been of friends reminded us
of ancient times — but I was more
comforted than in many large Meetings
in believing that Ancient Goodness
was with the 2 or 3 — in the
evening called on Sarah Hunter a
friend much afflicted with illness
18 had an appointed Meeting at (2)
Woaldale in the forenoon dined at 4
John Brooks, and in the
evening at Highflats — J. & M
Fritts was with us in the morning 4
each meeting was to me a time of
close exercise but proved relieving
19 J. & M Fritts went with us to Dave-
sbury stopped at Edward Bradys — 14
the Meeting pretty large we
hastened away after it there (1)
being much commotion in the

Meetings — 25 | 260

1832 Brought over meetings miles
25 260

town on account of the people having a public dinner — we parted with J & M Fitts who had entertained us kindly 3 nights & went to Bradford & Brady with us were received at Undercliff with wonted kindness 10
by my dear Cousin J & M Rustin

20 Attended the Monthly Meeting dined at our quarters where we had the company of several worthy friends took tea at Sarah Harris's — I thought I was helped in the Meeting both in testimony & supplication, but in the evening felt very low having a prospect of visiting the families belonging to said Meeting, and in addition to this had heard of the decease of Barbara Wigham in the Cholera, this complaint being also at Leeds helped to sink me still lower and I had a trying night

21 at last got a little composed in the

Meetings 26 | 270

1832 Brought over Mutgs. 26/270

morning and was enabled afresh
to cast my care upon the Lord
respecting myself and my dear
husband and children at home, the
cholera being very prevailent at
Liverpool has made me often
feel very anxious, but having
a renewed hope than I saw in my
right allotment in being engaged
in religious service in this County
at this time, I have a humble hope
that I may be preserved from this
awful disease, and that my dear
family may also, but be that as
it may, we must submit ourselves
into the Divine Hand who doeth
all things well — M Hustler went
with us to see William Mead
and his wife and daughter, paid
a pleasant visit — after dinner
came to Wakefield to my 14
cousin George Sarah Birrington

Mutgs 26 — 284

1832 Brought down thus far (26-284)

where we are very kindly received
The weather has been very cold
for some days, in travelling to day
had a warm double Cloth Shawl
and another Cotton lined with
silk and a Cloth Cloak and
was scarcely warm enough
22nd the meeting with friends in the
morning was exercising and
although I thought I was renewedly
enabled to minister to the people
yet the truth did not appear to me
to rise into that dominion which
I have sometimes had a sense of
in the morning I had a large
public meeting, wherein I believe
I was renewedly enabled to minister
to the people, it was a very (2)
relieving time both in testimony
& supplication and felt thankful
at the close the people were very
quiet—

Meetings 28 — 284

1832 Brought over Mutys 26/270

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to cast my care upon the Lord
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Mutys 26 — 284

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to the people, it was a very (2)
refreshing time both in testimony
& supplication and felt thankful
at the close — the people were very
quiet —

Meetings 28 — 284

1832 Brought over meetings 28 miles 284

23rd Gp I Bennington set us to Pontiac
the meeting with friends was small 9
but I hope on the whole comfortable
we dined at Samuel Y Alvis Knights
and took tea at Benjamin Dearborns
[Thos Lee] Taylor accompanied us to C
Dehworth in the evening, where 3
we were kindly welcomed by Robert
J Hannah Whitaker — — — —

24th heard this morning of the illness
of my Cousin Simon Shaw Bowen
at a village between Brigg
Gainsbro, his complaint was the
Cholera which had left him, but
inflamation and obstruction of
the Bowels had ensued and his
recovery appeared very doubtful
Spent most of the day in quietness
feeling need of rest both in body
and in mind, being in a low pensive
mood — in the evening was visited
by the company of Charles Osborn

Meetings 29 — 296

1832 Brought over 29 - miles 296
25th Attended the meeting for worship
in which I was I believe rightly
exercised J J Gurney appeared in supplication C Osborn in a pretty long
testimony - after it the usual business was opened and the women
requested to withdraw & attend to
their business - which they did
and appointed committees to
examine into the Chil.rn's Learning
the economy of the houses &c
these were attended to in the
afternoon, we met again at 6 O'clock
and appointed a committee to draw up
a report for the men from the
different reports brought in by
the ~~different~~ committees - and
the meeting adjourned to 8 O'clock
when - M Hutter M Gurney Rachel
Forster M Whitwell & myself
produced our report which with
some alterations was agreed to

minutes 30 - 296

and a fair copy ordered to be produced next morning —

26th we met at 9 o'Clock — and transacted the rest of the business belonging to us — and two friends, H Broad — & myself were appointed to take the report into the mens meeting — we were called to join them about 11 o'clock and had after their minutes were read sweet season together, testimonies were borne to the excellency of Divine grace, admonition to the children, and acknowledgment to the goodness of the Lord in His Providential care extended to the Institution & a Prayer & Praise was also offered up & I think it was a solemn feast in the afternoon attended on examination of the junior boys in the Scripture by J J Gurney — — — — — — — —

27th spent a part of the forenoon

with Charles Osborn in his room
which was a uniting season, each
imparting our feelings which being
in many respects similar was
cheering and we concluded together
in the evening at my request a
meeting was held with the servants
which were in number and
JJG took a part and it was a time
wherein many were tendered and I hope
refreshed — before this attended JJG's
examination of a part of the boys
all the others chiefly were examined
in like manner but I was not
present at all of them but was
pleased with what I saw of their
readiness in repeating scriptures and
also the instruction given by our
friend who continues to be deeply
interested on behalf of the rising
youth — in the evening called on Elementary
28th spent the morning chiefly in
meetings

visiting the Boys & Girls Schools
and in company with my dear
friend & brother in the Truth
Charles Osborn — in the after-
noon had a meeting with the
Teachers both men & women
also the Apprentices, which
was relieving to my mind
took tea at Hannah Harrisons

29th This morning my mind was
much bow down with exercise in
the prospect of the day — in the meeting
felt a concern particularly towards the
chil^n but put it off too long another
friend spoke and then dear Charles
was engaged at some length in
a lively communication, after this
although it was late I dust not
withhold what was before me both
in testimony and supplication and
felt peaceful after it. I think on
the whole it has been a time

of renewed invitation to the
Children taking into account
the labors of some dear friends
at the General meeting, I journey
afterwards &c — the latter gave
out presents on 6th day afternoon
to about 100 of books some of them
of considerable value, in all between
12 & 14 pounds worth, and he after
wards in order to please those
who got no presents gave each
6 — — we dined at Luke Howards
on 1st day and enjoyd the company
of this interesting family — (2)
The meeting in the evening was
large I went to it undergoing
exercise and was soon ready to
speak under the constraining
influence of Divine love,
endeavouring to shew that
the Gospel leads to peace by
submitting to the power

of the cross of Christ and after I sate down Charles Osborn was drawn forth in application after he had done I felt that I was not clear without adding something and was drawn forth on the subject of ministry, and also in calling the attention of the people to the prevailing disease, believing that it was the design of Him who doeth all things well and whose judgments are a great deep that we should thereby learn righteousness, that if the people of this Land would humble themselves as the people of Nineveh did, the Lord might be pleased to avert the judgment from us & ye — It was a solemn season, and the people were very quiet and I felt very

1832 Brought me
fearful often it which was
to me cause of renewed thank
-fulness — ~~Have~~ Earnest have
been my desire in this journey
that self ~~might~~ may be kept down
and that the Lord may have
all the Praise of His own work,
and that I may center in deep
humility, O the peace and quiet
-ness there is in the low valley,
may I ever remain there, but
self is so apt to rise up, it
requires ~~great~~ very close watchfulness to
keep it down —

31st went to an appointed Meeting
at Barnoley — dear Osborn 11
felt his mind drawn to accom
-pany me — we both felt as
though the pure spring of
life lay low, and were united
in labouring to draw the minds
of those present more from.

the world and to seek with
greater earnestness after the
one thing needful — we dined
at William Badgeldens —
returned to Ackworth and 11
took tea with Elizabeth Armstrong
she and dear Robert Whitakers
came with us at Barnsley —
9mo 4 George Bottomly went with 27
us to York — where I was very
kindly
1 received by my Nephew & niece
Joseph & Sarah Rawnsley — attended
the meeting of Mo E a time of
some consolation — — — — (1)
8 Mo 1st The Quarterly meeting was thought to
be only about half the usual size
owing partly to its having been
put off 5 weeks on account of the
Cholera having prevailed in the
City in a serious and awful
manner at the usual time of hold-
ing it — and had now thought

1882 mercy pretty much subsided yet as it prevailed in many other places, it was a serious time for friends to leave home and some were timid about coming to the City — Proportion meetings mile 8 — 345 9

dear Charles Osborn had good service and some others also - the meeting parted and after remaining a little way in the business adjourned until 6 O'clock when we met I felt constrained to inform friends of a concern my mind was under to go into the new meeting Sarah Harris offered to go with me & Elizabeth accompanied us, when we were strengthened to relieve our minds ------ (2

2nd In this meeting for worship I was again called upon I believe to express the good service and there was I hope a harmonious labouring together, on the part of Charles

meetings 37 — 845

1832 Brought over meetings 37 — 345

Osborn Maria Whitwell Joseph Knight Sarah Knatt & myself also I Richardson in prayer (1)

It was a good meeting wherein was shown that the glory is not wholly departed from us as a people — Charles his companion myself and my companion went to Hannah Murray's to tea — She is a pattern of humility and kindness of spirit being full of love — after tea we retired into silence when I was drawn to address our dear elder friends, Richard & Ellen Cochran being present, and also to administer to dear Charles as a brother in bonds for the gospel's sake encouraging him in holding on in his good master's service — I took tea at Thomas Evans — and returned to my quarters

meetings 38 — 345

1882 8 22 Brought on 33-345

called on Wm & Martha Richardson
Celia Wilcoxon Thos Backhouse
& Caleb Hutchins had a pleasant
opportunity at Wilcoxons
after dinner parted with my dear Nephew
& niece, and we set off for Leeds, by
the way called at Rebecca Fothergills
at Ryecroft, and had a sweet opper-
tunity with dear Anna while sitting
by her bedside, nature appeared far
spent and I believe she is not
far from the kingdom, I thought
there was a feeling of quietness
and solemnity beyond what I had
often felt — we arrived at Leeds 24
in the evening and were very
kindly received by my dear friend
Hannah Broadhead & her niece
Sarah Broadhead —

4th Spent the day partly in visiting
and took tea in the evening at
Robert & Rachel Jowitts ——

miles 38 369 miles

being first day the morning meeting
was to me an open time (2
testimony - the evening felt dull
for a while but by keeping to
an exercise which I felt on the
forepart the concern opened on
my mind - and I again opened
the blessed cause and felt peace
therein - commenced the visit to
the families that day and paid (three
them visits -

6th set out in the morning on the
visit to the families under a deep
sense of my own insufficiency
and passed on under much trial
having many doubts and fears
least what I had to say might
not be the right thing but
earnest were my desires and
fervent at times the prayer
of my heart that I might
be rightly directed - had (12
sitting Lewis & took tea at Robert

1832 Brought over
7th took 9 sittings dined at Newman
Cash's took tea at William &
Susanna Hoidings - passed on through
the day under much discouragement from a sense of my great
unfitness for so important a
work - yet I was helped with
something to communicate
in every place and towards
evening got a little cheered
with a hope that I was in
my right place and that
I had not been doing my
own work and went to rest
in a feeling of peace and quietness -
8th took 13 sittings dined at ~~Joseph~~ John
Armistead's took tea at Joseph
Tatham's got on comfortably
9th took 9 sittings and attended C
Meeting which was to me an open
time in testimony - dined at
meeting 41 - 369

Brought over Meetings miles
Grace Jarvitts - took tea at 41 · 369
Robert and Maria Arthington
10th took 9 sittings dined at James
Hotham - took tea at Jonathan
Patchets — ——
11th Joseph Tatham went with me
into the Country - we took only 10
four sittings
12th took two sittings - the meeting
in the morning was a laboring
time with me until near the
close when I felt my mind
drawn to supplicate publicly
which tended a little to raise me
out of the low state I had before
been in, but not quite and I began
to fear that I had done wrong
but by reasoning to the humiliation
which had prompted it
I felt quite and hoped that
it had not been unacceptable
with him - dined at Thomas

41 — 379

1882 Broadheads — Rec'd 2 visits Meetings miles
tea at Joseph Tatham's — In the 43 — 379
Evening Meeting I felt in a very
low state through a great part
of the Meetings and no expecta-
tion of being able to advocate
the Good cause, the Spring seemed
to be sealed — but by patiently
waiting in my dark country
light arose out of darkness
and my mouth was opened to
call upon those who were
too much engrossed in the
world to come out of its (2
spirit and seek to obtain the
one thing needful the better
part which it is promised
should never be taken away
&c &c at the close I felt a degree
of humble rejoicing in spirit
and was ~~enabled~~ enabled to
return thanks for the help
received —

43 — 379

meetings miles
Brought over 43 - 379

13th William Harding went with me to some places in the Country took 9 sittings dined and took tea at Edwin & Clesia Birchalls was favored to get along comfortably for which I feel grateful —

14th Rachel Jewett went with me we took 9 sittings dined at Joseph Tatham's took tea at James Holtham's felt quiet and peaceful in the evening often an exercising day wherein a diversity of states had been visited, and I humbly trust that in great mercy a little capacity was afforded to hand something to each —

15th paid in all 12 visits none who seemed to be much experienced in the School of Christ yet I trust

a little best help was afforded
in trying to rouse some to greater
diligence — encouragement was
extended to some under trial to
confide in the Divine Arm of
Power and seek per repose therein
daily — In the evening being
rather too late in beginning
some of the visits were rather
hurried at least I think the
last was so — and being a young
man looking towards the Society
I feel rather grieved that it
should be the case, but perhaps
opportunity may offer for visiting
him again — dined at took tea at
James Rotthams —

16th 6th. week day Meeting very small and
a low time, silent, yet before the
close I trust a access was obtained
to the Throne of grace — paid
visits —

17th the monthly Meeting in Pine
part. I felt like one under a burden
but without any ability to move
and remembered Jeremiah's situation
when his feet were made fast
in the Stocks and endeavoured
to keep in the patience, whether
anything or nothing might
be assigned me to do - and after
a while was opened for me
to cast of a little of my burden
in a short communication,
but still I felt tried and began
to fear that I had done very
in saying anything, but soon,
after Mary Jackson rose and
I found as she went on that her
exercise corresponded with mine
which cheered me a little, after
the Meeting parted, while sitting
in the Women's meeting I labored
under an encreasing exercise

and for a while saw no way for relief - but looking unto my God Master and laboring for resignation to do what might be required - I found I must go into the meeting a thing very much in the cross to my natural inclination but the concern became so clear that I durst not hesitate and when the Clerk was about writing a note into the meeting to let them Friends acquainted was gone through I spoke my concern, which was readily accorded with, and information sent to the meeting on a receive of their being ready, H Broadhead & Rachel Jowitt went with me, when I had a very open time - in setting forth the want of more faithful Standard bearers amongst them - and that I believed the great Head of the Church would enable some

Brought near
to become like David if they
were willing to give themselves
up into the Divine hand—
mentioning the case of David
slaying Goliah and working
a great deliverance for Israel,
setting forth the vast impor-
tance of our being faithful
to our own Master, and carefully
improving our time and talents—
It was like fighting one of the
Lords battles— and what with
the exercise and the labours
I felt very weary often but
my mind was clothed with
sweet peace— for which my
soul doth bless the Lord
Who hath never failed me
in the time of need as I
have looked to Him, and often
have I admired that one so
poor and weak as I am

should be at all counted worthy
to be employed in so good a
cause — paid four visit — 4
18th perused my engagement paid
8 visits dined at John Nevins's
19th first day this morning meeting was
a time of close exercise & labour, when
I had spoken of Saul's transgressing
in saving Agag alive and the
best of the Sheep and the Oxen —
dined at my kind friends Robert
Jowitt where I lodged last night
and it is now my quarters —
the evening meeting silent &
took tea at Hannah Broadhead,
paid 4 visits —
20th paid 8 visits dined at
Thomas Tatham —
21st set out this morning under
much discouragement felt almost
ready to give up but He whom
I desire to serve looked down

on my love and kind staff
and was pleased to afford a
little help from place to place
much beyond what I could
have looked for so that I
have had 13 sittings in all
several of them crowded houses,
and full a capacity to lay
down beside the still
waters, for which favours
I desire to be truly thankful
-ful, also for having received
a good account of the
health of my dear family
from my beloved husband,
How mercifully I am dealt
with—

22nd took 7 sittings dined at my Nephew
& niece Granger Margaret Wilser
a poor day—

23rd the week day meeting wherein
I was engaged in testimony &
supplication

1832 Brought over
to the heart of my own mind
paid 10 visits and was helped
through the day far beyond what
I looked for — What a Saviour.
how important is the Master's
work may I be strengthened to
do it more perfectly, sorry
are my defects and my weakness
but I have a little faith that if I
keep near to my Guide and Safe
Guide he will enable me to
overcome them ——

24th paid 11 visits dined at Cousin
William Aldams — in some families
very little was to be felt and no
capacity to communicate any
thing, without wading through
much exercise of spirit

25th paid 4 visits dined at J Pease and 10
took tea at G Y M Elliots, had
26th the company both yesterday and
to day of dear Wilmy Mary
Crewdson

1832 Brought over meetings miles 47 – 389

26th — first day the meetings were each times of much exercise to one especially the latter the young people having been invited to come out to it and I believe very generally attended – these meetings were relieving times, and in the close dear Robert Jarrett supplicated that the word preached might profit and that a blessing might rest on the labor bestowed in the visit from house to house and that peace might be allotted me which was much to my comfort – paid three visits that day — (2)

27th paid one visit in the forenoon had a public Meeting in the evening which was not long (1)

50 – 389

but a solid meeting - in the forenoon I was much tried, in feeling no capacity for labour - ~~by~~ but being earnestly engaged in spirit that I might be helped through the meeting, the living spring arose and matter preserved - both ancient and new - - - -

28th had one visit - parted with dear Wilson & Margaret in the morning - in the afternoon went to Addingham lodged at Cleveagh John & Mary Listers - Thomas Walker went with me from Leeds - 19

29 had a meeting at Addingham very small, and a low time - after meeting called on George & Ann Scott had a religious opportunity - after dinner went to Darley - quartered at Joseph Walkers 15

Meetings - 51 - 433

Brought over. Meetings miles 51 - 432

30th Attended meeting at Dudley. 1
dined at Joseph Spencer's, who 2
went with us to a meeting in
the evening at Knowlesbrook 9
held in an Independent Meeting
house here Robert & Rachel
Jowitt & Esther Crewdson met
us dear friends from Hawes
-gate attended and we retired 2
with them after meeting &
lodged with Robert Walker
who were in lodgings - (2)

31st attended meeting in a Methodist Meeting House, both this
and the one last evening were
open favored meetings - Robert
Jowitt took a part in the
forenoon one - In the after
noon went to Leeds with 15
R & Re Jowitt & Esther Crewdson
and received a hearty welcome (1)

54462

1832 Brought over — meetings miles
54-462

12 From Hannah Brookhead — —
9 Mo after a contributing opportunity
with H B her sister S B &
Joseph Walker who breakfasted
with us I set off for Sheffield
with Samuel Grimshaw —
called in the town on Wm
Wood whom I felt inwardly
on my mind — Stopped at George
& Sarah Dunnings at
Wakefield where we spent
an hour pleasantly &
arrived at Sheffield at 33
William Stansfields in the
evening where I met my
dear friend Mabel Hepworth
who has come to join me
this was sweet to my com-
fort —

2d — Attended both meetings in
which I was engaged in testimony
58 — 495

neetings mis. 56-495

and supplication under a little renewed feeling of the constraining influence of Gospel love and now in the evening I had a capacity to lay down beside the still waters, for which the unworthy recipient my spirit is bowed in humble gratitude—

dined at Jane Downs had Damiers Wheelers company

Sd Wm Hargraves & his daughter Lydia went with us to a meeting at Woodhouse in the forenoon & in the evening had a large public meeting, wherein my way opened rather unusually opened to set forth the truths of the Gospel—

dined at David Mallesons and tarried at James Downs

4th went to Newill had a meeting

58-505

with the family of John Payne
who is not a member of our society
his wife and some of his Chil^n are
Quakers too at William & Sarah Pents
where we paid a short agreeable
visit — were received by my dear
Nephew & Niece Henry & Maria Smith
with great kindness, attended meeting 24
5th next day, dined at Joseph and Ann
Clerks took tea at Richard Cochrans
where we had a religious opportunity
Chas. H Brashhead & Cuttbert
Wigham being present as well
as several other friends. —
6th William Clark went guide with 1
us to Thorn the meeting very 10
small and the life of religious
law. dined at Mordecai Parsons —
his nephew Mordecai was our
guide to Lolley to a meeting in 15
the morning rather larger than

62-554

the forenoon and a little next
before we quartered at William
& Elizabeth Preston - called on
Sarah Prates Evans had an
opportunity with her & her
child.

7th Went to Cottonwoods to an 12
appointed meeting in which
we labored to convince those
present of the necessity of
laboring for daily bread —
dined at Eli Webster —
George Webster his son in
law went with us to a
meeting at Lane in the 18
evening wherein I felt it
my place to revive the
admonition not to take
thought for the morrow
setting forth the evil of a
worldly spirit and the dayes

of being received in an earthly mind
&c &c dear Rachel labored to stir
the latent effect and I hope a little
good was raised - but things are
very ~~low~~ low amongst them — (1
we quaked at Joyce Forbes
8th went to Hull where we were 15
I went with my dear companion
to her comfortable home - dear John
receiving us very kindly as well
as their daughters Elizabeth & Sarah
William — — —
9th attended Meetings morning & after-
-noon silent in the former in
the latter offered a little which
did not tend much to any
relief and in the evening (2
after tea at Jonathan Thorpes
commenced the family visit -
under a feeling of great dis-
-couragement from a sense of

great poverty and anxiety for an important an engagement but strength was afforded much beyond what I looked for from one place to another and I trust the Lord's family were with in mercy visited which produced thankfulness in my heart to Him who regarded my low estate. When I went into the Meeting in the morning I was forcibly reminded of having sat in that meeting when I was a child and belonged to Burlington particular Meeting, and my heart was contrite and my spirit tendered under a sense of the mercy and goodness of the Lord extended to me

1832 Brought over miles miles
66 – 599

since that day. so that after I took my seat I shed many tears – the meeting was held in silence and was to me a time of favour, and a renewal of strength —

10th paid 10 visits dined at Leonard Weeks, took tea at David Thorpe breakfasted at George Hitchins

11th had 10 sittings breakfasted at Edward Reames. dined & took tea at Isabel Cassons

12 went to Doncaster by water to Thorne and took the Coach from thence quartered at Joseph & Ann Clarks – took tea at Richard and Ellen Cockins attended the Meeting of M & E held in Martha Scullys room a serious uniting season present R & E Cockin M Scullys Jane Doncaster Ann Fairbank Lydia Margraves David Whalen David McAllister Wm Margraves

60

67 – 659

William Dent Mordecai Larson
Simon Mann Barnum Henry Ecroyd
Hannah Larson Sarah Smith
Catherine Marsh Hannah Bradstreet
Mabel Hepsley & myself ——

13th Attended the Monthly Meeting
at the close of the Meeting for
Worship Ann Fairbank gave in
a account of a visit to Sweden
& Middlesex Quarterly Meeting & the
Danish Islands & spread before the
Meeting a concern to visit some
of the Islands in the Pacific
Ocean and the Colonies of Vander-
-mans Land & New South Wales
which brought the Meeting
into great sympathy with him
and much unity was expressed
and several friends appointed
to draw up a Certificate to be
brought to an adjournment of the

1832 Brought over 69 — 659

We met to Sheffield on the 20th this meeting as well as a public Meeting in the evening were I believe gloriously owned by the Blessed Master — — — —

14th returned to Hull Timothy Hanson setting us to Thorn in Joseph Clarks Chaise — when we got on board a Steam boat in the Don went I suppose about 10 miles in it and entered the Ouse and in about 10 miles more came to the Humber arrived at Hull in about 6 hours from Thorn — 60

15th dined at John Landerons also took tea and sate with four families paid 9 visits dined at The Priestmans took tea at Edwd Reames — — — — — — — — 7

16th the Meeting with friends was a very exercising one, and a public

69 726

Meeting in the evening also the
forenoon was not very relieving
but the latter was an open time
and I believe a satisfactory
Meeting we visited one man
after the morning Meeting
10th dear S & M Pickeby went with
me to Bestwick where we had a
small meeting, wherein I had to
revive the parable of the Tares
and reminded those present that
it was whilst men slept that
the enemy sowed them, setting
forth the danger of a Lukewarm
spirit and the necessity of being
diligent, without which a good
state might be departed from,
we dined at Joseph Fosters with
whose company as well as his
daughter Hannahs we were
pleased, and had a comfortable

meetings miles

Brought over 72 726

opportunity before we parted. I X is some years above 80 and has his faculties clear and seems increasingly lively in spirit and enjoys the society of his friends much — we returned to Hull took tea at Samuel & Ann Thorpe's and visited them & two other families that evening — — — 30

his George Fox journey to Cottesloe twice within the home of years visited

18th William Shipley went across the water with dear My I & Barton 5

when we took Coach for Brigg 6 12

miles here we met with Cousin

J M Barnes who had come from

Gainsbro with his Chaise to take

us home — the Meeting very small

and poor when the query came

before me on those dry times

time — and may spend to speak

on the subject of this vision of

the Prophet Ezekiel — shewing the

73 — 773

necessity of attending to the voice from heaven which would cause a shaking until all should be shaken that could be shaken — that nothing might remain but that which cannot be shaken and then we should be brought into a proper form spiritually — the breath of life being breathed into us — we should become God's workmanship that we might have this outward form without knowing this inward work — also encouragement was handed to those who were exercised to labour for spiritual bread — we dined at William Manley's, and had a pleasant ride to Gainsboro with Lorin I M B drove Mabel rode 19

1882. Brought over 73- 792

with Joseph Stephens who went
with them Eng for our accomodation
my dear Lavinia & Amy I were
much pained to meet after
8 years had elapsed since we
saw each other —

8th After breakfast time we read & had
a sweet little reviving time
together — the meeting rather
larger than Brigg and more
lively — here I had to speak on
the necessity of our renouncing
a death unto sin — that so we
might know a being saved
by Him who died for us —
setting forth the necessity of a
persevering in this worthy &c
the benefits of the Gospel were
a little enlarged upon — It
was a better meeting than some
others — we took tea at Lavinia

74- 792

1832 Brought over miles 74 — 792

William & Sarah Hitchins the latter in very delicate health and so unwell as not to be able to bear much company, as we left early —

20 took an affectionate leave of my dear cousins and set off for Hull at half past 8 o'clock — arrived a little past 2 o'clock where dear Mabel found her husband and Chil.n well, we had 3 visits took tea at Henry and Henrietta Lessons, had something to say at each place but felt ~~[illegible]~~ low and tired from a sense of unfitness for so important an engagement, perhaps bodily fatigue had something to do with it — my desires have been renewed that I may be better enabled to do the

52

74 — 844

1832 Brought over meetings miles
74 — 844

Master work for truly I am very weak

21st paid 4 visits in the forenoon

22nd went to York with dear John & Mabel Hipsley — called at Bewley by the way to visit Mary Stickney & her Daughter — 39 visits

quarted at my dear Nephew & Niece J & Rawsthorne —

23rd attended the morning Meeting had a large public Meeting in the evening a season of renewed favour through the kindness and Mercy of the Blessed Master — in the evening felt peaceful, though weary with the labors of the day

24th went to Thurlston in the Chaise to a small poor Meeting — John Hipsley & John Tuke — also Henry Hipsley came with us — dined at C 10

77 — 892
meetings miles

1832 Brought forward 77 meetings 892 miles

Robert Jones - took tea at
Wm Jones returned to Town 10
25th went to Mary Backhouses
with M Hepsley & Ann Jones
and heard a part of James Back-
-houses letter read with which
we were much interested - dined
there and went to tea at Robert
Williams's attended Meeting of Ministers
which was a low time but a
little matter arising in my
mind to express I felt relieved
by so doing and after a trying
meeting came away a little
refreshed — — 0

26th the Monthly Meeting day in
which I was early led to supplicate
and after offered in a short
communication — David Wheeler
laid his concern, the same as at 0
Doncaster and warned the sanction

79 — 902

of the meeting much encouragement was given and Ann Jones supplicated on his behalf that strength and qualification might be given for the work assigned and that he might be brought safe home to his family & friends also that his family might be cared for in his absence - it was a favored season - the women friends a little way in their business and adjourned to 10 o'clock - dined at Bishop Hill at John Yates where was also my son Henry who came to York last night - the meeting on the morning a poor labouring man partly owing I think to friends having sat long in the morning and to the weather being very warm -

27th My day spent in this meeting

for communication much to
my relief R Jowitt & I Wheeler
also offered in testimony and it
was a favored meeting – I dined
at my Nephew's – and went after
to the School the Retreat & to
Hannah Mancey's and returned
to my quarters to supper – I felt
calm and peaceful – what a favour
to be so graciously helped along
20th went to Study Meeting in the 10
morning I Rowntree & Joseph C.
Sparks went with us – we dined
at Thomas Pierson's at Easingwold
he set us to think often when 4 10
we had an evening meeting a
comfortable time what cause
of thankfulness to meet with
a few lively spirited friends
in a small meeting like that (2
held at Thomas & Esther Smith's

29th in the morning went to call on
3 single women friends at the
village of Lawrenceburg — took an
early dinner at J Smiths and
they both went with us often
to Darlington where we were 25
very kindly received at my
cousin John & Catharine Backhouses
30th the morning meeting was to me
a time of trial — but way opened
I thought was the close to
supplicate — yet afterwards I
got fearful that I had done
wrong and was so discouraged
that I held my peace in the
afternoon when I believe a
short communication would
have tended to my relief —
took tea at cousin Jonathan (2)
Backhouses with a large number
of our cousins whom I dearly
loved, but I felt low and tired

1832 Brought over

85

we had a religious opportunity which was silent except a little refreshed by covering JB in the night I was examining on what had passed during the preceding day, and was induced to believe that I ought to have ~~spoken~~ moved with a little matter which arose in the afternoon meeting and also in the opportunity in the evening, I was thankful in feeling a little light and instruction, In the morning

1st of the 10 mo we had a comfortable opportunity with dear J & C Bach house & then dined at John Pease's & took tea at John Beaumont Pease's

the Meeting of M & E was a low time to me, yet I did endeavour to feel after holy help,

86-951

1832 Brought over

86 - 951

2nd of 10th Mo. the Quarterly meeting was to me an open time and I was made thankful that way opened for some relief - in testimony - and in the women's Meeting feeling a desire for a meeting for worship being held in the evening I laid it before friends, who united with it and - the men being informed of it by note they also united with the concern and it was appointed to be held at 8 O'clock the various meetings which came before us occupied so much time that the meeting did not close until nine O'clock - and friends many of them being fatigued I was discouraged about the evening meeting fearing least life should not attend - but it proved a favored comfortable time - I was led forth in testimony early in the meeting Sam Foster

88 - 954

followed in the same way
and cousin Jonathan Bath
house also — and it was
concluded I went in solem
supplication — I was greatly
relieved and returned thanks
in my heart before we left
the Meeting house — in that
I had been so graciously
helped through the day
and that a little light
had arose out of obscurity —
for I felt in the morning
as though my way was
fenced about as with
hewn Stones — I omitted
mentioning that wegin
J Backhouse spread before
a joint conference of men
& women friends his prospect
of ~~visiting~~ returning to America

which was cordially united
with and his Certificate
granted by the Mo Mtg
indorsed — dined at Cousin
Jesse Robinson — — — —
breakfasted at Cousin Deborah
Robinson — called on Joseph Pease
& Bowens — M Lamson — James
Backhouse — M Thistlewaite &
dined at Edward Pease & took
tea at William Backhouse
4th attended Meeting in the morning I
was engaged in testimony in the first part for John Pease also Sarah & M Rigg
in supplication — but I did not
think the truth rose high, there
is something which seems to
open it in that Meeting I
called on Nelly Hedley and Adam Hawkins
also Joseph Pease after — dined at J Backhouses — who set us to Stockton in the 12

1892 Brought over

meetings mid. 89-963

afternoon and attended meeting there with us being very acceptable (1 fellow helper - I trust the meeting was attended with life - we parted in much love. We returning home and we going to Merion to lodge at George Cooper's - my feelings had been keenly touched in parting with my dear Sister Bowron along with other dear Relatives at Darlington - she is in a very infirm state of body - but I believe in a comfortable sweet state of mind and if we overcome meet in mutability I hope we shall in a better place where there will be no more sorrow nor crying but God will wipe away all tears from the eyes - Before meeting we took tea at Hannah Chapmans -

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90-965

1832 Brought over miles
90 — 965

5th paid a pleasant visit to Mary Brantingham, it was refreshing to my spirit to sit by her and witness her peaceful lively state of mind — afterwards paid a sympathizing visit to Hannah Atkinson who is very ill in a Cancer — but endowed with much patience to bear her afflictions called on R Briggs's and took some refreshment at George Smiths. — before leaving G Coates's we were favored with a refreshing opportunity, Edward Atkinson went with us to Guistons where we quarried at Wm Corings — had a meeting at G for friends & others — I trust it was not unaccompanied with life & may afford to open for comfortable communication — but I felt lame after and doubts arose

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91 — 970

whether it would not have been
better if we had only had the friends
of the meeting — and great search-
ing of heart was produced, which
I hope was profitable — we took tea
at Tho's Nan.h Dixons ——

6th breakfasted at John & Rebecca
Smiths who have three nice daugh-
ters and we were blessed with an
genial hours I hope owned together
at the Reading after breakfast —
after dinner Wm Briggs set us 10
to Castleton — quartered at Tho's Bakers
whom sent Jacob Hartis lives with
him

7th the meeting was small several
being absent from different causes
but, we were enabled to labour
amongst them I trust in a degree
of right ability and it was through
Divine condescension a comfortable
meeting

after dinner we (owing of Gisborne? Aytor
and Wm Martis went guides with
us to Aytor by this way we were
cheered by meeting with brother
J Bowron & his brother Joshua —
who came to meet us and I got in to
their Chaise with Bro' and Joshua took
my place with Mabel, so we were nicely
helped along and arrived at Aytor about
four o Clock at J Bowrons — the 11
Meeting at 6 was larger than I expected
and an awakening call went forth
(I trust) to the careless and lukewarm
the honest hearted were encouraged —
I felt comfortable after having a
hope that I had been the Master
work — we call on Wm & Hen.^y Bowrn
the Hiskettons & Sarah Crabb —
8th went to Langbath to see Mary Rich-
-ardson — breakfasted at Thos Richardsons
Joshua Bowrn & my Brother set us a

1832 Brought over

Miles 93 – 999

five miles in our way to Helmsley when we passed in much love they returning to Ayton and we hurrying our journey over a hilly Moorish Country and mostly bad road about 8 miles was in Bilsdale which is a fine valley, and the view in many parts of the way very picturesque, affording a great variety of Moorish Barren Hills and fertile valleys interspersed with a plantation of Fir trees and many comfortable looking habitations – our horse became tired before the end of our journey having once stopped to rest 21 so that we got on very slowly over the last 6 miles of pretty good road – and in all once about 6 hours from Ayton to Helmsley – we were favored with

93 – 1020

a pretty good meeting with friends
and a few others who come in —
quartered at Robert & Esther Bain-
-bridges — In the night I lay
awake some hours being very
thoughtful about our movements
whether if we pursued the plan
laid down we should not be
making too much haste and
my mind was turned unto Him
who searcheth all hearts in prayer
for right direction; and was favored
to feel quite easy to pursue our
journey as we had planned it
felt thankful for few words —
9th This morning R. Bainbridge was
kind enough to provide us a fox
and horse & man to drive us to
Bilsdale — where we had a favored 6
meeting with those who belong
to that small meeting and 2 or 3
C

1832 Brought over

Mutg over 95 - 1026

more, we felt much sympathy for them & handed the language of encouragement returns to R B's at Kilmoby to dine — 6

went to Hinkley to tea at Mary Barnes. had a meeting at 6 for friends of that and Shutten Meeting several others attended and there was strength offered to utter an awakening call to the Lukewarm professors and set forth the ancient way salvation I trust a solemn evening was brought over the Meeting — we went home with Thomas & Mary Martin Lenitin Grange — a pleasant place and kind friends the night very fine and a bright moon — 4

18 went to Pickering Meeting 5

96 - 1047

1832 Brought over

Meeting miles
96 — 1047

where we were led to sympathize
with some under deep exercise dined
at Hannah Waltons. Joshua (1)
Priestman & Joseph Rowntree
went with us to Whitby in the 21
afternoon — quarted at Rebecca
Smails's

11th attended meeting in the morning
which was more than usually (1)
relieving, breakfasted at Joseph
Sanders's — went to Scarbro in 21
the afternoon J Priestman & Jonathan
Hull went with us — quarted at
Elizth Rowntrees — — — —

12th the meeting in the morning very
laborious and not so relieving as
4 some others — took tea with (2)
John & Martha Yadley had
a public meeting in the evening
which was well attended and proved
5 a solid good meeting through Divine

100 — 1089

condescension — yet in the course of the night I was assailed with many fears lest I might not have expressed myself clearly on all points, but enquiring of my dear M H she relieved my mind from these apprehensions — and I became fearful and thankful — — —

19th Breakfasted with Isabella Tindal and her son Robert, my daughter Ann, after an early dinner with our kind friend C Rowntree we set off for Burlington where we called at William Johnson's and proceeded to the Quay where we stopped at an Inn and then walked on the Pier and a little in the Town also on the Sands which reminded me of the days of my childhood, and I much

enjoyd it — we returned to Burlington
to William Johnsons where we quarted 2
14th attended Meeting with friends in
the morning which was small
eight grown persons belong to it
and some chilrn a few attend who
are not members — after it went
to visit the Graves of my Parents
in friends Burial Grounds — had
a public Meeting at the Lecture
in the evening in the Union
Chapel, which was exercising
and notwithstanding I labored
honestly in endeavouring to 2
deliver what came before me
in simplicity yet afterwards (2
my mind was tried and tossed,
15th In the morning I felt comfortable
respecting the meeting last evening
hoping the right thing had
been administered and left Burlington

1882 Brought over

with an easy mind after having
an opportunity with Wm. Johnson
& his wife — we went to Norton 20
attended a meeting very small &
only Isabella Tindal & her son
Robert & daughter Ann — Christopher
Dale his wife son daughter & Listen
yet we were refreshed together
by Him who regards the two or
three that meet in His Name —
we dined at J. Tindal and went
to Thornton after, to Joshua Pridg-9
-mans who had been with us for
near a week, also Isaac Stickney
three days, we met with J. W.
Yardley and spent a pleasant
evening —

16th went to the M. Meeting at Prid-3
-ence, wherein after a feeling of
entire incapacity for labour I
was introduced into much exer
-cising with some present

1832 Brought over — Mutts miles 103 — 1141

and expressing what opened on my mind. I felt relieved and we had a good meeting — in the Meeting for discipline at Stony Fork occurs — dined at Wm Rowantree and went to Malton to a Meeting 9
to a public Meeting quarted at Joseph Priestman's — I thought I was helped in the Meeting but felt discouraged after fearing that it had not been attended with that Divine life which is the Crown of religious Meeting
17th attended meeting with friends pretty comfortable — and went to York after it — Robert Pilling — ing & his wife went with us 18
18 quarted at Joseph Rowntrees dear Mabel met her husband here and we parted — she going with him to her brother William Alexanders — 8

106 — 1168

1832 ~~th~~ Brought over

18 spoke with my dear Mephew & wife Brownlee, and John Shipley set out to Bradford on Sunday about an hour at Leeds with dear Hannah Broadhead leaving there and arrived at Cousin Benjamin & Esther Seebohm at Bradford before dark where we were 35
very kindly received. Sarah Harris came & took tea with us.

Aug. a

19 In the night I was brought under great conflict of spirit, from a prospect opening of a public meeting at Cinsley and on looking at it felt that I could not be easy to pass away without yielding to it. ~~to~~ in the morning instead of setting off for

Manchester as I had intended
was obliged to stay another day
cousin Benjamin had thought
before hand of my having
some meetings, & was very
ready in promoting them, as
preparations being made he cousin
Esther & Sarah Harris went with
me to Bingley where we had a 6
good meeting — at the close I felt
an extention of service, that it
would be right for me to have
two more days, this I thought
might pass away and kept it
to myself, thinking that it was
safest to try it through the
night, but after passing through 6
a hard struggle I yielded to it, and
dear cousin Mary Wheeler sleeping
with me I told her how it was
with me and of my trial in the
thing as I expected my dear husband

would be at Manchester that
evening to meet me there,
she kindly sympathized
with me herein — and encouraged
me in it —

20th after rising in the morning I
again felt tired having fully
given up to it and some pre-
parations being made — I began
to fear that I was mistaken
but quietness at length pre-
vailed and I believed it right
to stay — My sister Stephenson
having to pass through Bradford
that day on her way home from
Leeds — Cousin Benjamin told
her of my detention, so that
my mind was much relieved —
I called on Wm Marsh in the after
noon & took tea with Sarah
Harris —

1882 Brought over Mut^r Miles
107 - 1216

29th had a public meeting at 7
Kirkstall in the morning in
a School room belonging to
the Methodists, a quiet com-
fortable meeting John Hustler
B & E Lubolma accompanied
me we dined at Samuel Priest-
mans - and returned to Bradford 7
had a very crowded meeting
in the evening in friends
meeting house - where it was
thought 1600 people were
present and many went ②
away who could not get
in - it was a laborious time
but I felt gratitude owned
by the great Head of the Church
during meeting had the unex-
pected pleasure of seeing my
dear husband who bidding
that I was detained left Manchester

109 - 1229

1832 Brought over

after the morning meeting we came by Coach into town for the meeting in the evening —

22nd took an affectionate leave of my dear cousins and we returned to Manchester, by the way called on Catherine Stansfield at Halifax and on cousin Eliza Cook at Todmorden — and reached Manchester a little first 6 O'clock where we found dear Wilson & Margaret well — 40

23d set off for Liverpool with a very fearful mind which I sustained a great pressure and got home a little after 7 — 36 where we found our cousin John & Catherine Ouchhouse with their son & daughter come to accompany their brother Jonathan who was

1832

22 about embarking for America
24 Cousin Jonathan embarked
about 10 o'clock it was very
comfortably leaving a little
of his homesickness, he appeared
in a very humble frame of
spirit — It being our last
meeting day I attended my
certificate — and now being
settled at home with my
dear family I feel that
great thankfulness is due
from me to my Heavenly
Father for His abundant
Mercy shown to me in this
journey in carrying me
safely many services
strengthening me for His
work and giving me a place
in the hearts of my friends
from whom I have received

great kindness, and brotherly and sisterly sympathy — and the health of my dear family and my own having been preserved at a time when the Cholera has prevailed both at home & abroad and when I have travelled is a favour which calls for great gratitude — so that while recording this I am led to commemorate the goodness of the Lord to me and mine and to return Him the tribute of thanksgiving and praise —

Ireland 1834 to
commenced 4 mo
in Elk's hand

First prospect of
visit to Ireland
16 of 2 mo 1834
in Elk's own
hand

First day the 16th of 2nd Month 1834

Being at Ashton Meeting along with my dear husband & G Y M Leosfield my mind was unexpectedly comforted, with ~~the~~ a sense of the presence of the Lord, wherein I was reminded, of the many mercies extended to me all my life long & it seemed as though this intelligible language was uttered in my soul "I have kept thee as the apple of mine Eye," this greatly bowed my spirit and thankfulness filled my heart, wherein I was enabled afresh to commemorate the Lords goodness to ~~me~~ and to offer the tribute of Praise and thanksgiving — The night after being in bed at home my mind was impressed with a concern to visit Ireland, I had for some time had this prospect, but a while before this it appeared quite taken away and I looked to remaining at home during the

summer

which on several accounts seemed very desirable to me, indeed I had thought that there were some insurmountable obstacles to my leaving home, but so clear was this intimation that every objection ~~in my mind~~ appeared to be taken away, and as it rested on my mind with great weight: after trying it every way I wanted to let my beloved husband know how it was with me, who very kindly encouraged me to yield to it, but the day preceding our monthly meeting, clouds of discouragement so overspread my atmosphere that I concluded to give it up and even blamed my self for having mentioned it to any one, but in the morning it returned again with so much clearness and weight that I concluded to bring it forward, and was greatly helped through in the meeting, and being much encouraged by my friends

I felt very peaceful after it — and enjoyed a portion of the feast of Fat things and Wines well refined —— But since then much discouragement has at times prevailed in the thought of leaving my beloved family — especially as it appears uncertain whether my dear T R can accompany me or not — The recollection of my beloved brother Isaac Stephensons being removed in Ireland while employed in his Blessed Masters service — causes some fulings of doubtfulness at times how it may be with me — yet I have not any reason on first apprehension that this will be my case — and in humility and reverence at this time I commit myself and all mine to the tender care of my heavenly Father — earnestly crawing that His Will may be done in all things and not mine 12th of 3d Mo 1834

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Diary of
Elizabeth Robson of
Liverpool
1834

4 Mo: [24th] / 1834

Left home with my dear husband for Ireland had a fine passage to Dublin, having the company in the same Packet Stephen Grellet & wife Susanna Corder Daniel Mack & several others — the Yearly Meeting proved to be a time of instruction and comfort beyond what I had looked for. indeed there appeared to be a sense of Divine Good in most of the sittings of the Womens Meeting. A Braithwait was there, also Elisha Bates & his companion Isaac Braithwait — It was a comfort to believe that there is in that Land a mighty body of Friends and that things appear to be improving with them — Being impressed with an

apprehension that it was my place to attend the Yearly Meeting in London, I gave up to it much in the cross to my own will, of this I had some apprehension for some time before but kept it much to myself until towards the close of the Yearly Meeting in Dublin, and my dear husband encouraged me to attend to my prospect, and being desirous of returning home he left me in Dublin, where I attended meetings as they occurred there & in Monkstown & paid several visits to the sick &c until ~~the 9th~~ the 15th of 5th mo when in company with dear Sarah Sayle her son Thos. & her daughter Sarah & Betty Ann Grubb I set off for London we crossed to

Holyhead and took Coach from thence arriving in London on the 17th in the morning when I directly took Coach for Tottenham, was very cordially received by dear E Fox her daughter and Cousin H Stephenson at my Niece Ann Balls, she with her husband Wm Ball having been out on a journey of a few days since their marriage — The day before while travelling in the Coach I made the following memorandum "Being on my way to London "yearly meeting, my mind has been much "bowed this day under a feeling of weight "and exercise in looking towards the "approaching solemnity and an "earnest desire has prevailed that I "may be kept in my right allotment, however humiliating or

"whatever suffering I may have to
"pass through, and now in the evening
"am comforted in remembering that
"one evening while in Dublin after
"some trying conversation with a
"friend who differed from me in
"religious ~~sentiment~~ opinion when
"about going to Bed and looking
"towards the Saviour y m with
"discouragement, this language sweetly
"arose, I will hide thee as in the
"hollow of My Hand"

On 1st day the 18 attended Meetings
at Newington, received some comfort
in the first meeting under the
ministry of Dear S Gillette, on 2nd day went
to the Meeting of Ministers & Elders
much tossed but was favored to

feel a little of the blessed pressure of Him who said to the wind and wave, peace be still, ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ the business was transacted in quietly and agreeably very little was said in the way of ministry, but there was a precious feeling over the meeting which appeared to chain down opposing spirits. dear J Gillette mentioned his prospect of returning to his native land and a committee was appointed to draw up a returning certificate – the business closed that evening, next day dear E Fox and I went to Newington dined at dear Wm Allens where was Stephen Gillette and we took tea at J Gordons having also the company of S G it was to us a time of pleasant enjoyment in

the society of those we loved.

On 4th day morning I went to our yearly meeting under a feeling of strong solicitude that I might be enabled to keep my place, and soon after sitting down a weighty concern came upon me to supplicate for the meeting which I yielded to in great fear much solemnity seemed thereby brought over the ~~Assembly~~, and I felt my mind clothed with sweet peace, the two sittings of that day were comfortable and refreshing opportunities I believe to many present — in the course of the remainder of the sittings there was frequently the opposing spirit felt and evidently showing

itself and yet through marvelous condescension, we were often favored with the shidings abroad of Divine love and with some nothing seasons I endeavoured to do the little which seemed to be my place in meeting and in committees but much trial often attended especially in the letters from those who are trying to introduce an easier way amongst us than the way of the cross and self denial — In the last sitting of the meeting of M & E. our dear friend S Grellette spoke very plainly & honestly saying that the cloven foot had got in amongst us. that doctrines were introduced contrary to those held by our early friends &c &c that there were those who had

not kept their stations in the truth with much more to the relief of honest hearted friends, but some who have turned aside from the right way were much displeased —
I omitted in its place to say that in the third sitting of the yearly meeting I felt drawn to visit our men friends to which I yielded in much fear it being truly a very mortifying thing to nature, and dear Fox offered to go with me and the visit produced peace to my mind — Altogether at the close of the meeting on leaving the City I felt a covering of calmness and quietness, beyond

what I could have cooked for.

On 3rd day morning 3rd of 6th Mo my dear friend S. Foyle and her sons daughter, and myself left London towards all night and got to Liverpool on 4th day morning, where we were joyfully received by my previous hostess and children. While at home I had some of the company of dear Stephen Grellet who embarked for his native land on the 8th. I stayed until the evening of the 7th and seventh of the week also and then parted with my dear husband and children feeling very low in mind both in the prospect of the work before me and of the separation from my beloved family. Dr. Foyle & her sister crossed the

evening before, Joshua Jacob
went with me we had a very
fine passage the sea perfectly
smooth and being favored with
a good night, and arriving in
Dublin about 6 O'Clock allowing
time for rest I was able to
go to meeting both forenoon
& evening and in the former
was engaged in my Good Masters
service which proved much to my
relief, on 3rd day was the Mo
Meeting and my friend Cory Chas.
Green having come to accompany
me, we set off on 4th day I took
11th our guide in a Carriage hired
for the journey of about two
weeks, went to Wicklow, where we
had a public Meeting held at Joseph
~~[illegible]~~

4 Pim's — on 5th day was at the
12th friends meeting bereaved with
anthony Pim's wife and some
of his family who were at
13th lodging — 6th day went through
the Vale of Ohoca to Baltimore
dined at Joseph Pennings, went
to Elin.th Morrisons at Baltimore
to lodge where we were kindly received
by him and his daughters —
14th had a comfortable tendering meeting
in the Mont.d House there, and
went to Dine with dear Joseph
Haughton & his wife his son Joseph
& wife and chil.n living with
them he was a great sufferer
at the time of the rebellion & has
continued to maintain his integrity

went after dinner to tea at
Thos. Thompsons at Coladoire
were much pleased with visiting this dear
friend whom I have known
for many years and the great-
ness he manifested in old age evincing a lively
concern in the welfare of the
society was very comforting to me. Went from there to Jas.
Hudsons to lodge who has a large
family of young people and I
hope, some of them are under
very good impressions —
15 the Meeting at Coladoire was small
but attended with a degree of life
dined at Thos. Thompsons, and
went to Cincinnatus Meeting in
the evening where a consider-
-able number of friends were
assembled, but it was a low

time a spirit of ease & lukewarmness
seemed to prevail greatly to the
hurt of many — went to Francis
Davis's to lodge
16 went to a meeting at Forest rather
small, and it was hard work to
come at anything good but I hope
there was a little revival in the
latter part, there are a few lively
spirited friends amongst them —
Mary Poole widow of Jacob Poole brought
a nice cooked dinner of which we
partook after meeting, and went on
to Hartsown to Wm Goffe took Coffee
and then went to Ross to a meeting
in the evening pretty comfortable
lodged at Joseph Williams' —
17th here spoke at Sam'l Ellis's where

we had a comforting opportunity
and then set off for Carlton
Joseph Williams being with us. We
at Daniel O'Briens, had a meeting
18th with friends next day & a public
meeting within of them very valuable
but I endeavoured to be my best
19th had a very contrite opportunity
with D. O'Brien & his family, he has
lately lost a valuable wife &
his eldest daughter very delicate
breathed with Potent Pleurisy
and his sister in the Country.
went to Mott. at Kilcomen a town
time = dined at John Watsons &
went to Tullowtee a meeting in
Joseph Doyle's house, which was
in degree lively — lodged at his

20th house — next morning he sent
two of his sons guides with me to
Ballstone, where we had a pretty open
meeting gathered at E Barrington
had a public meeting in the evening
21st backsaded at James White's had
a religious opportunity with him
& his family and then with his
Scholars to whom my mind was
much drawn forth in Gospel
love, and it was a season I trust
of divine favour — went to Rathbun
gas in the afternoon gathered at
Abigail Fowle's, attended meeting
22nd there on 1st day morning, wherein
I was strengthened to bear testimony
against the Lukewarm profession
dined at a Mr's who went with me to
with several other P.

to Cambray to a public meeting
in the evening, rather small —
I quartered at John & Elias Whites
23 went to Mont George Newsom
our Guide quartered at Cooper
24th Clibborns — next day Jno
Clibborn was our Guide to Bellevigny
where we had a comfortable meeting dined at
Vincent Pellets, of Edward Fairbrother,
provision brought there, had a
comfortable season with the few
friends who dined with us and
returned to James Clibborns at Mall
where we lodged — next morning
2 went to meeting at Mont
& a public Meeting in the
evening, and called on several
friends — then I had quietly

to manifest a submissive spirit
24th went to breakfast with Thos
[26 6] Robinson at Clara, had a religious
opportunity with him & his daughter
a nice family - went to a Meeting
with friends at Edenderry. lodged
25th at Jos E White whose daughter went
with us next day to Dublin where
I was very kindly received at my
dear friend Sarah Fayles —
28th attended the select & Monthly
of searching which I hope was
profitably felt - some communi-
-cation was made —
29th the Meeting on 1st day morning
was large I was much strengthened
in it to relieve my mind, it
was a season of renewed favour

for which I felt great thankfulness - my mind being brought more out of suffering than at any time for some weeks back —

3rd 3rd Our women's meeting was rather a dull time partly I believe from the extreme backwardness of friends to speak to the business, and this proceeds from a spirit of indifference —

8th of 7th Mo attended the parting meeting for worship held in the evening owing to the men's meeting not concluding until that forenoon — it was a heavy time

2nd of 7th Mo went by water to
Monistiaven and took Jaunting Car
to Monteith, Richard Nicholson
guide we quartered at James &
Sarah Pattersons — had a meeting
3rd there next day in the morning
went after it to Hirsch Wallaces
Meeting both these meetings were
pretty comfortable, went to John
Tolbats at Roscrea after arrived late but
were very kindly received —
4th had a meeting with friends rather large
a public Mtg in the evening —
5th called on sundry friends viz Joseph
Walpole, Richard Wales, & at James
Pattersons at Monteith where we dined &
took tea & had a precious religious
opportunity, they have a sweet daughter
Lucy who appears under much religious
concern

may the Lord preserve her —
went to Mountmelick that night
lodged at E Beales —
6th first day the Meeting with Friends
a time of close exercise, I endea-
~~voured to~~ labour honestly among
them, but there appeared to be so
much supininess that it was
hard work to reach the life —
however I felt somewhat relieved
the public Meeting in the evening
was I trust not unattended by a feeling
of Divine regard, yet there was not
in my apprehension ~~that~~ sweet
flow of Life which has sometimes
been felt. I had a short opportunity
with the Scholars at the Provincial
School after —
7th We went to Wm Neale's Beales to breakfast

an agreeable friend, he and Robert
Fayle & Chas. Beale went with us
to Ballanahill Meeting where were
a small company in all about 14 or
15 including our own company and two
young men, Thos. Roberts & Joshua Beale
from Monrath who met us there,
I felt Mount Melick low and depressed
but was comforted in our small meeting
after dinner Wm Neale returned & the
rest of us went to Kilkenny, where
notice was given for a Mtg. I went
to bed weary and exercised in mind
and had a very poor night, next morning the Meeting
8th was held in a Court House, and many
people assembled, when [illegible] my mind was greatly
enlarged and opened on various subjects
the people were very attentive and it
was a very refreshing meeting to me

and one not to be forgotten for
out of weakness I was made
strong, and rejoicing submitted to
a season of trial; and I was made
thankful for the favours, here we
parted with our three new friends
who returned home yt Beale went
to Waterford yt we took Chaise for
Clonmel, where we were most kindly
received by Joseph Ehin.th yt Sam
Jacobs.—

9th Eliza Malcomson went with
us Cahir to a meeting with friends 10
where I felt some ability to labor
with ~~friends~~ those present, but there was little
to be felt such a spirit of
Lukewarmness appears to prevail 11
as though the living were not
able to bury the dead, some

close things were delivered after
Meet.g two or three friends went with
us into Jane Fennels to whom I
felt the language of invitation
to come up in faithfulness to the
manifestation of the Divine Will,
after dinner we called and took tea
at Robert Goings who seemed to be
under some degree of religious feeling
his wife & child.n we gave — returned to
Lonsdal, where we met some Isa.s
friends at our lodgings

10th Friends Meeting a time of comfort
dined at Annas Mills — took tea at
David McLeamons, a religious opportunity
after was I trust a season of profit

11th after breakfast at Isaac Jacobs had
a religious opportunity which was a
season of consolation & encouragement

Isaac's son Henry and his wife were present, to him my mind was particularly drawn — dear Jane Jacobs's mind has been remarkably sustained through great afflictions, dined at Joseph Gubbins — had a public Meeting in the evening in degree favored I trust, but I did not feel that sensible divine support which I have often done however I hope the Meeting was held to profit —

12th went to Waterford quartered at my dear friend R Ridgways — took tea at Mary Watsons who is sweetly alive in the truth altho' feeble in health and blind, I was refreshed with her company — the Meeting on

13th 1st day morning was a time of

close exercise and labour, but not fully to my relief, the young people were requested to come out in the afternoon, which many of them did, it was a comfort to see dear Mary Watson come to it, and after I had addressed the young people, she made a very impressive addition — we took tea at Richard & Sarah Allens, had a religious opportunity with the Scholars in the evening —

14th Breakfasted at Isaac & ~~Hannah~~ Jacobs, their Sister Abigail Beale lives with them had a sweet opportunity after — dined at M Watsons, took tea at E Blains, had a lively public Meeting in the evening

15th Public Meeting at Dunmore a good Meeting — dined at Saml. Whites lodgings, took tea at Thos. Whites in Waterford —

16th breakfast at R Allens - Mut. at Tramore - a lively impressive season the people were very quiet for which I had cause of thankfulness, took tea at Joshua Jacobs in Waterford

17 At Laboriano but very relevery meeting with friends - parted with them in much affection - Isaac Jacobs went guide to Clonmel took tea at Amos O'Neills lodged at E Grubbs —

18th Breakfasted at D Malcomsons went to Limerick after. quarted at Deborah Alexanders

19th Mut of Mg E dined at Edwd Alexanders

20th the times Meeting for Worship not particularly lively had a refreshing opportunity in the evening with many young people at our quarters —

21st had a very agreeable quarterly Mut, and Mut for worship - dined at

— and Deborah Newsom's —
22nd a public Mtg in Friends Mtg. house
23rd had a Mtg in a Lunat house
in old Limerick, very disturbed and
trying, owing to many disorderly persons
who appeared resolved to cause an
uproar —
24th had a Meeting in Friends Mtg. for
the same class, in the evening who behaved very
well and orderly, and a more deplorable
looking set of people I think I never
saw collected together — but the
quietness was very striking —
25th we took a very affectionate leave
of our dear friends, and set off
for Cork in a Coach Joseph Robinson
our guide, we were very kindly
received at Bedhorough near Cork
by Ebenezer Pike, also his Aunt Mary
Lecky & her daughter Mary, whose company

was refreshing to us ~~time~~ spent
26th 7th day quietly with them —
27th Meetings for worship, the first silent 30
the other not quite so having a little
to communicate — here I was brought 31
into great exercise, a concern revived
in my mind which I had felt before
to visit the families, and believing
that nothing less would suffice I 8
gave up to it in much fear, friend,
very readily made way for it and
expressed approval thereof —
28th went to a public Meeting at 7
Bandon — our dear friend Ann Lecky
her daughter and Lizzie E Pike was 10
with us to our comfort, and
many men friends, amongst them
Wm Harvey & Saml Newsom, and
29th had a meeting at Kinsale next 12

day — both these were good meetings and well attended returned on the 30th.

30th to York quartered at our kind fd's John and Hannah Newsom's —

31st Meeting for worship, in the afternoon began the family ~~the~~ ~~precious~~ visit and was strengthened from time to time to my humbling admiration

8th Mo 3d had a relieving time in the morning Meeting, and ~~something~~ some ability to labour also in the afternoon Meet'g. after much digging to advocate the good cause —

7th Meeting for worship being the Mo Meeting

10th Meetings for worship in the forenoon I felt very weak and insufficient for the work but a little help was mercifully afforded, and we had a precious Meeting, silent in the afternoon —

12th the family visit being nearly

8th Mo
12th Friday — we had a public meeting
in an assembly room at Cove,
where were many of the gentell
people and it proved a good
meeting, wherein the people were
admonished to a sober life and
conversation — after dinner we took
boat for Passage where we had
a meeting in the evening in
a methodist Meet. house, not
quite so lively as that in the
morning, but on the whole
I felt very peaceful and
quiet — in the evening, we
went with our Dear friend
M Lecky & her daughter to
Bedhorough and on 4th day
13 took some family visits, in

the morning — and in the evening had a public Meeting in Cork

solemn season —

14th a time of precious relief in the meeting with friends

16th left Cork in company with my dear companion and her husband — and Loveday Boddy in the Coach for Killarney — Wm Harney, Wm Martin, Wm Johnson, Lam Newsom, James Simpson, and John Fennel went the day before to prepare for the Meeting

17th we had a Meeting in the Court house at 3 o'clock which was a favored season, and largely attended, which was cause of thankfulness to us many Roman Catholics attended — and it was I

believe the first period Meeting held in that place — quarterly at Lynn — here I was brought under more exercise on account of feeling bound to stay a little longer in those parts, and a meeting presented at Truro, to which I gave up, and mentd it to friends who readily agreed to prepare for it —

18th we had a remarkable meeting at Truro being large and strong much spread 700 people it was thought present in the Methodist Meet.ⁿ house ~~at Truro~~, the first men held there we believed —

19 a further meeting spent at a place near the Bay at Dingle, which was held in a Court house, the ~~fore~~ part very quiet but

20th a place belonging to the Marquis of Landsdown

some people going out occasioned
a little disturbance about the
middle, but it got quiet before
the close - I not feeling united,
20th we had another meeting in
a large room in the Town, where
we had between 50 & 60 people
which was a pleasant season not
seem to be forgotten, the people
seemed well satisfied, and expressed
a desire for us to remain longer -
when we went they appeared to
feel little or nothing of friend,
and none appeared to be remember
a friends meeting there before
21st we went to Rowmare, where
I had a concern for a meeting the
people seemed very raw, and no
place offered but a Market house

* a place belonging to the Marquis of Lansdowne

on our way to Trelleck at afternoon we dined & took tea at Richards - Thomas -*

which we feared would be much
disturbed, but a large company
collected and behaved very well
and we had a good meeting
I felt peaceful after it and
the people seemed satisfied
and treated us with much
respect after it was over —
22nd we went to Bantry by the
way had some difficulty in
crossing the Esk Mountain
which was extremely steep in
some places, but we were forced
to get safely over, having to
walk I suppose about 4 miles
and although the ground
was wet and it rained part
of the way we ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ not cold, and I believe

none of us were any worse, we stopd at Glengariffat the foot of the Mountain on the side of Bantry Bay & in the morning crossd the Bay in a large open Boat, we enjoyd the scenery there being many Islands in the Bay and got to Bantry before 8 O'clock where we got pretty comfortable quarters at an Inn

23rd Rested quietly at our Inn until evening when we took a walk in the Park belonging to Lord Bantry - our own guide notice for a public Meeting next day —

24 In the morning we sate quietly together in our parlour at the Inn when we were quietly armed and

refreshed together, I had a little opening respecting our bearing in mind, that we are not our own but are bought with a price, and also what that price was, even the Death and sufferings of Christ, whose followers we are called to be, and therefore it behoves us patiently to bear all that He sees meet we should pass through. Had a meeting in the Methodist Meeting house, which was in the evening very full and very quiet for a considerable time but some rude people going by with a man in a Cart making a great shouting, unsettled the Meeting for a while causing one young woman to take a fit, but standing still [redacted] the meeting became

settled, the solemn quiet returned and it ended well, but not feeling released we gave notice for another to be held the following evening, many of the people expressed regret at the close of the meeting at the disturbance which had occured, —

25th went to Glengariff to a meeting in a Court house, which was small but p said meeting some people went to it from Bantry — In the evening had a meeting at Bantry which was a favored season, after some deep exercise in the first part, the people were very attentive and it was so still as a friends Meeting I was very kindly greeted by many people after it broke up —

26th had a poor night partly from

over fatigue, and was led into some searching heart with regard to the meetings I was engaged in holding, and the detention it occa-sioned felt trying and I also felt fearful of being misled, but in the morning as we were going in a coach to Skibbereen, my mind was clothed with peace and thank-fulness covered my spirit and I felt an evidence that I was in my place, this cheered me greatly when we got to Skibbereen, our friends readily procured a Methodist Meeting house for a meeting —

It was much crowded being held in the evening, my mind was under a great weight of exercise on account of the

people and for a while after I began to speak it appeared like hard digging, they appeared an eagerness to hear but very little sense of the inward work, however as I went along the spring flowed more freely & it was a good Meeting—

Before the Meeting at Steiltown I was under an apprehension that before leaving that part I must have another Meeting towards the sea, and being upstairs in my room concluded to go down to our friends in the Portlaoise ~~[illegible]~~ acquaint them of my feelings, when Mary James Lecky came into my room & said that she wished to propose another Meeting to me asking if she might do so, I desired she would, and she mentioned a few

called Thull about 12 miles off by
the Sea, and I was much relieved
by it believing it to be the place
and pretty soon concluded on having
a meeting there, and preparations
being made had a good meeting
27th fully attended on the 27th the
people manifest much gratitude for
being thus remembered by friends
and feeling a further drawing
towards Stubbereen, we had
another meeting there in the
morning, and on the 28th parted
with a serious man named
John Bird in much meeting
feeling he had been with us at
5 meetings, his home is at Bantry
and appeared to approve of our
principles and told us his mind

said she should like to be a friend but probably, when she may know a little more what our testimonies are she may think the way too narrow — an old man, spoke very kindly to me at the close of the last meeting at Pittsfield, saying he believed the labors there would be blessed and more to this effect —

28th we returned to Cork by coach where we were very cordially received by our friends, on the evening of the 29th had a crowded public Meeting at Cork which I trust was to satisfaction — on the 30 we parted with our Beloved friends in Cork

from whom we had received
great kindness, and went by
Coach to Yarmouth Wm Johnson
& George Beale with us — where we
met a hearty welcome from Abraham
Fisher & his wife and family
31st It had a public meeting in
the morning, which was crowd-
ed and very quiet, and I
went favored with the Open-
handed opening of Divine regard
In the morning attended the
meeting with friends, which
was a time of consolation & peace
to some at least — after it
called on some sick friends —
2nd day the 1st of 9th Mo Abraham
Fisher & his son Benjamin went

with us to Cashel where we arrived
about 4 O'Clock, and having a
desire for a public meeting, the
methodist M House was applied
for but not obtained, then the
Tavern Hall & the Court house
also, but those who had the right
to give leave being out of town
in both cases, they could not the
need, at last we had of an empty
house which was a large room &
liberty was granted to hold a
meeting in it – it was then 6 O'Clock
however notice was given for a
meeting at 7, and I was much
surprised to find such a number
A many of people collected standing crowded together
near the door and it was thought
there were 100, my mind was
present

much enlarged towards them & it was a very favored meeting—
I may not omit mentioning that as we travelled along that day I felt very tired fearing least I should be deceived and move in my own strength, and secretly craved that we might be able to get a meeting at Cockal and that it might be to me as a token for good— but after we had arrived as above named it looked likely we should not get a meeting I was closely proved, but endeavoured to keep quiet & I had a little faith that we should be helped, and so it proved, thus it may be said that the ways of the Lord are unsearchable

I did receive this as a token for
good and my spirit was lifted
in thankful commemoration
of the Mercy and Goodness of
the Lord — Fishel is a Roman
Catholic Town —

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2nd of 9th Mo 1834

On 3d day morning the 2nd of 9th Mo we breakfasted and passing by the rock of Cashel which is a curious ruin which was formerly an abbey and a part supposed to have been a Druids Temple — we stopped a while to look at it and proceeded to an evening meeting with friends at Birr where I had close things to deliver to those assembled, there appeared to be but little of the life of religion amongst them we lodged at Joseph Millers who with his wife entertained us very kindly before leaving them we endeavoured to impress on them the need of

3. Spiritually minded — we went to a meeting with Friends of Tullamore, which is small but

I trust not destitute of life —
we dined at Edmund Haughton's where
mother was sick — we had a religious
opportunity after dinner when
some tender counsel was handed
the young man by Abraham
Fisher and myself. went to
Rathangan that night to Abiah
Knott's where we were very kindly
received — and next morning had
4th a memorable opportunity together
before parting. dear A Fisher
left us to return home and we
three proceeded on to Dublin
and found my beloved friend
Sarah Fayle and her children
well and very glad to see me
back, but my stay was short
5 In the morning we set off a little

before 6 in a Coach for Armagh
from thence took a Chaise for Dungannon & thence to
Milton where we arrived late but
very thankful for getting along
safely having travelled 80 Irish miles
that day.

5th My dear friend E G & I went to the Quarterly Mtg.
of Minister & Elders at Grange, where it was
very cheering to meet several dear friends
and we had a comfortable meeting, after
wards went to lodge at Thomas Greers at Rhone Hill where I had
the company of my dear friends Mary
Lecky & her daughter Mary and several
others. The meetings on first day were I trust
in degree owned by Divine regard, but that
in the forenoon appeared to be hurt by the
very long time of gathering, and the latter
by a great influx of Country people which
tended to unsettlement. took tea at

Sarah Barnsoffs and had a contributing
opportunity after it — the Meeting for
8th business on 2nd day on the whole com- 10th
-fortable — and feeling a concern to go
into the Mens Meeting I yielded to it
when it appeared to be my business to
remind friends of what our worthy fd.
George Fox said of such Meetings in their
first establishment that the Power
of truth was to be the authority therein
setting forth the necessity of keeping down
the activity of the creature &c &c when
we came away I was told that they had
done very little business owing to some
forward spirits amongst them who were
very troublesome, so I was glad that I
had given up to what it all times is
to me a very humiliating service —
9th on 3rd day we had a comfortable meeting

Meeting ~~[illegible]~~ for Worship
went to Jonathan Pike to dine & lodge - next
10th morning Sarah Pike took me to the
place where my beloved brother Isaac
Stephenson was seized with a fit of
Apoplexy, being conveyed into her uncle
Wm Pike's house where he died a few days
never being able to speak again, it was
deeply interesting and appertaining to me to
to see the house where he closed his
valuable life, and also when at the
Meeting house to view his grave, but
while he was for separated from his
beloved family and near connexions in
life, he was tenderly cared for by dear
friends especially Sarah Pike & dear Elis
Green, and above all I have not the
least doubt but the beloved of souls
was near, and that he was gathered

without much pain & suffering to
his eternal rest, that our great loss
was his eternal gain — on 4th day
was at the week day meeting at
11th [10] Grange a comfortable meeting —
12th rested on 5th day at Wm Greers at
[11] Milton having the pleasant society
of dear M Lacey & her daughter — —
13 My dear companion E Greer accompa-
[12] nied me to Dungannon where we had
a public Mtg in a Methodist Mtg house,
my mind was considerably drawn out
in communication, but I did not
feel that solid peace after which I long
to experience and was led to a searching
of heart, when I concluded that I
had not previously kept the watch
so closely as I ought to have done —
14th Thomas Greers at whose house
[13]

we had lodged set us to Lisburn where
we greeted at James & Anna Richardson
15th 1st day of the week the Meeting in
[14] the morning was a laborious season
and not the full rising obtained which
is sometimes permitted, when there is
too much of a resting in outward
blessings, it causes leanness of soul —
had an open time in the public Meeting in the
evening — we dined that day with Mary
Richardson widow of Joseph an agreeable
16th friend — On 2nd day went to a Meeting
[15] at Antrim very small and rather low
lodged that night at The Chapmans
at Lower Grange — where we had a
comfortable meeting next day with a
17th small company of friends and several
[16] of the neighbours who came in, and I
thought they were a help to the Meeting

ment that afternoon at a public Meeting
at Ballymoney held in a Court house,
wherein I thought we were graciously
owned by the presence of Him who
dwelt in the Bush — went to James
Hunter at Emma Lodge to lodge about
2 miles off. I felt weary but very
comfortable, and thankful for the
help mercifully afforded me that day.
18 rose early and after breakfast had
[17] a very tendering meeting with James
Hunter his Daughters and Sisters in
law — he was one who receded from
friends many years since and for
a long time evinced a bitter spirit
towards friends being also intemper-
-ate in his habits — but of later times
hath been mercifully visited & thank-
-fully believe and brought home

to the Pattenshouse, he is turned
80 years of age, having been twice
at his house in former visits and
found him very different, I was
much struck with the change in
this poor Man, and did to commem-
-orate the Goodness of the Lord herein-
we returned to Antrim to dine at
Thos. Fawcett's where we had quarterd before
and went on to Cotton Mount to
Henry & Mary Bragg where we were
most kindly received and comfortably
entertaind — next morning went to
19 a Mo Mtg at Ballinderry had a public
[18th] Meeting in the evening both agreeable
Meetings, lodged at Deac Jacob Greens
20th [19th] went to a Mtg at Hillsborough, and
to Lisburn after it to a public Meeting
I felt weary in the evening, but had

affresh cause of thankfulness in having been helped through the exercise of the day — —

20th James Richardson went with us to a Mo Meet at Magallen, wherein I felt I was enabled to labour honestly and obtained comfortable relief. Dined at my friend friends Tho Christy & Jane Wakefield — returned to Lisburn

21st went to Belfast (first day) the Meeting in the forenoon was attended with much exercise in the early part and afterward I had some close searching exercise, being a call to the worldly minded and careless professors, and encouragement to such as have set their faces Zion ward. had a large public Meet. in the evening in a Court house a good meeting — Tea'd at the Mr & Mrs Malcomson's

22nd Harvey went with us to Rathfyland, where we had a small but pretty open Meat. dined at Joseph Murphys, here our kind friends J C W & his wife with their son Charles met us and took us home in the afternoon it was a fine day & we had a pleasant ride

23rd had a Meeting at Moyallen in the forenoon & our kind friends J C W & several of his chil. went with us to a Meet. at Lurgan in the afternoon and we returned to their home to lod & both these were favoured seasons —

24th our friends set us to a Meeting at Richhill to which the neighbours were invited, it was I trust attended with some feeling of Good, but afterwards I felt a fear least I had done wrong in having it a public

Meeting as I had not so full an opportunity of entering into feeling with friends, although I had them select a short time after the Meeting broke up - but on this occasion as on many others I have found that I have a kind and merciful Master to deal with Who knows the sincere desire of my heart was to serve Him, and I trust is graciously pleased to forgive - our dear friend Jacob Green having a desire to attend the Quarterly Meeting at Dublin accompanied us in the afternoon to Coothill, where we quartered at James Cruthers a very friendly man -

25th sat with friends in their Mtg. house in the forenoon, several not friends came in and it was a time

it appeared to be my place to be silent took tea at Sarah Fayles where was a large company of friends, and we had a precious opportunity in the evening. — after it my mind was some refreshment — in the evening had a public Meeting in a Court house wherein my mind was much enlarged towards the people and it was a very relieving meeting much to my comfort, and I had a fresh to commemorate the mercy of my Heavenly Father in thus condescending to be near in a time of need —

26th. 7 G my E G & I went to Dublin by Coach, where I was again most kindly received by my dear friend S Fayle with her Chil.n found several letters awaiting for me; giving an

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26th. J G my E G & I went to Dublin by Coach, where I was again most kindly received by my dear friend S Foyle with her Chil.n found several letters waiting for me; giving an

account of my dear daughter M
Lewis's confinement, having left
the Doctor take a fine girl, at which
I was much affected, but thankful
that her life was spared and she
in a likely way to recover —
27th. Attended the Quarterly Meeting of
M & E which I hope we were renewed
the bond for good
28th the Meeting on 1st day morning was
a baptizing season through the
condescending goodness of Shepherd
of Israel, which I was led much
beyond my expectation to visit
different states — In the afternoon

it appeared to be my place to be silent took tea at Sarah Fayles where was a large company of friends, and we had a precious opportunity in the evening — after it my mind was peaceful, what an unspeakable favour to be thus graciously regarded by Him whose tender mercies are over all His works and who careth for the Israel. Blessed be His Holy and excellent name. ——

29th The women's Meeting was on the whole a comfortable one, and being impressed with a belief that it was required of me to go into the men's Meeting I yielded to it my dear friends E Green & E Bewley accompanied me, wherein I was

enabled to encourage the faithful-
-ness, &c &c and felt very comfort-
-able after it — we dined at Hugh
& Sarah White after Meeting — and
took tea at Adam Calvert's — had a
religious opportunity wherein I had
to administer encouragement to our
friend being under affliction

30th The closing Meeting for Worship and
a time of renewed favour — dined at
Joseph Bewleys & took tea at Charles
Bewleys, in a religious opportunity
Jacob Green & my self were led to
encourage those present to do the
work of this day —

1st of 10th We had a public Meeting at Bray
in an Independant Chapel not large
but I trust a solid Meeting — after it went
to dine Sam.l & Chris.th Bewley at Rockhill

took tea Garrett Eliz^th Beales
brother who has a wife and several
chil^n very good — returned to Rockwell
2nd I was very thoughtful in the
morning respecting two meetings
which were appointed in Friends
Meeting house in Monkstown, for
the Gentiles people in the neighbour
-hood in the forenoon, & one for the
Seamen and others who live at
Kingston in the evening, I began to
be afraid least I should not have
strength for both and to think that
one might have answered the purpose
better, however we were favored with
two comfortable meetings and I had
cause to believe that the appointment
was right — spent a pleasant evening
at Samuel Bewley — having also the

company of M Lecky & her Daughter—
3rd had a short comforting season together
after breakfast, and went to Dublin
to the sixth day meeting — Sarah
White ministered I thought in a lively
manner — and I was afterwards engaged
in a short address, and then led to
supplicate that more labourers might
be sent into the harvest &c and it
was I trust a season of some profit
1 had a religious opportunity at John
Tallentors after tea several friends being
present — after meeting called on a
sick friend, to whom I handed the
language of encouragement.
4th called on sundry sick friends and dined
at Nathaniel Williams with other
dear friends — took tea at James Webbs —
5th first day went to Monkstown in

the prison, when after some deep exercise. I had to declare some close things which was to the relief of my mind, believing that there was amongst them the Wedge of gold & the Babylonish Garment — we were encouraged to bring all the Tythes into the Store house — called on my dear friends S Bewleys & returned to Dublin where I had a large public meeting in the evening, I think much favored at the close I felt great peace and rejoicing of heart an unprobable favor — I had looked to return next day but in the night felt that my bonds were not broken, a meeting for the young friends on 3rd day presented and at its close one for Minister & Elders

and a public meeting at Portobello
that morning, the trial was very
closely felt because my dear P R
had reason to look for my return
home on 2nd day night or 3rd day
morning — however I soon felt
6th all objection on my part share
down — and letting friend know
how I felt, they very kindly
made the needful preparations —
and we had a precious meeting
in a School room belonging
to who kindly offered
it for our use — on 3rd day many
7th of the young people attended the
meeting and it was a baptizing season;
at the close the Ministers Elders &
Overseers collected and we had a
truly refreshing and uniting

season together where in prayer was
offered for our preservation and for my
safe return in peace to my own home
by dear J White altogether it was a
time not to be forgotten and we separated in tender love & with many tears
at my grandfathers went to Keighley
where I took an affectionate leave of
my dear friends J Fayle & his chil.n &
E Green & M Lacky & his daughter —
My dear son, Henry had come to meet me, we
had a rough passage but my mind
was stayed in humble confidence on
Him who rules the winds and the
waves — we arrived at home about
half past three in the morning where
it was truly joyous to meet my
friends husband & dear daughter
Christiana, dear son & daughter Sarah
and dear John Warren
from New England — My mind

was clothed with peace, all
praise be ascribed to Him to
whom alone it is due

A copy of Elizabeth Robson's original draft (in pencil marks) of her address to William IV William Bulls copy of which bears date Tottenham 3rd of 6th month 1834, and of which Sir Herbert Taylor's letter "Windsor Castle July 21, 1834" announces the delivery to the King, in a letter to William Allen, who sent it to E Robson; and which letter (29 of 7mo) is re-directed (by Josh. Beasley of Dublin – probably) to Ebenezer Pike, Cork.

"May it please the King to receive the address of one of his subjects, who feels greatly interested in his welfare. It is a Christian duty recommended by an apostle that prayer and supplication should be made for kings and all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life: and it is the prayer of my heart that peace and prosperity may attend thy reign.

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"The Lord releth in the Kingdoms of men and giveth them to whomsoever He will: He is the Great Controller of events and it is His blessed will that Kings and potentates of the earth should in all things be subject to Him who is the blessed and only Potentate, Lord of Lords and King of kings.

"We have a great example in the Holy Scriptures of a king asking wisdom of God to govern His people aright, and it was given him in a pre-eminent degree: and when by Divine Wisdom Kings reign and Princes decree justice, the blessing of the Lord is upon the King and upon his people: Happy is that people whose God is the Lord' &c.

"May this, O King! be thy blessed experience! May thy heart be turned to the Lord that He may be pleased [to strengthen thee] to judge righteous judgment and decree righteous decrees."

From Ellis copy in Ink.

The pencil copy here breaks off. But in her own rough* copy follows the words: — "that in thy reign judgment may run down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream". It is "righteousness that exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people"; and there is great sin and iniquity in this land amongst all classes of the people whilst, as a nation, we have been, and are loaded with blessings by our great Almighty Father, who sent His beloved Son into the world to save lost and fallen man: — even He, our holy Redeemer, who is styled the Prince of Peace; and it is said that of His government and peace there shall be no end.

I believe that as they that rule over this nation are just, ruling in the fear of the Lord — all the decrees being based on Christian principles — this will have a powerful tendency to stay

* Some interlineations and erasures have been made in this copy by another hand, but these are smallest and most insignificant, in reality, in comparison with the original production.

the current of iniquity, and to promote the reign of [~~Christ~~] the Prince of Peace.

"Many of thy subjects have cause to be very grateful for the peace and security they have enjoyed in thy reign; and as a father of thy people, and under a weighty sense of the responsibility of thy station, I pray that the Lord may be pleased to guide thee by His counsel; – that the Good Shepherd may keep thee in all thy ways, enabling thee faithfully to discharge thy trust in His Holy sight: – that when the time shall arrive that thou must put off thy earthly crown, thou mayst receive a Crown of Glory incorruptible that fadeth not away. Thus, ~~in the love of the Gospel~~, sincerely desires, in the love of the Gospel, thy respectful subject

"a member of the Society of Friends." "Elizabeth Robson"

See Part 6 page 71 for the version actually presented

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A List of Meetings taken in Ireland after returning from the Yearly Meeting in London — arrived in Dublin the 8th of the 6th Mo early in the morning being 1st day — — — —

miles		Meetings friends	Meetings public	miles		Meetings friends	Meetings public
	Dublin	2			Ballinamony	1	
24	Wicklow	1	1	21	Moat	1	1
30	Ballintore	1		19	Edenderry	1	
7	Coaladine	1		28	Dublin	6	
3	Enniscorthy	1		49	Monthalt	1	
14	Forest	1		9	Knockballamor	1	
13	Ross	1		7	Roosrea	1	1
27	Carlow	1	1	20	Mountmellick	1	1
8	Kilconner	1		16	Ballinakill	1	
7	Tullow	1		15	Kilkenny		1
13	Ballitore	1	1	32	Cahir	1	
16	Rathangan	1		8	Clonmel	1	1
10	Edenderry		1	24	Waterford	3	1
19	Moat			9	Tenmore		1
191		15	4	278		19	7

miles		Affetings bid.	Affetings bad.
9	Waterford		
6	Tramore	1	
6	Waterford		
64	Limerick	6	3
51	Cork	2	
15	Bandon	1	
10	Kinsale	1	
15	Cork	9	1
8	Cove	1	
2	Passage	1	
3	Rosborough		
3	Passage		
5	Cork		
45	Kilarney	1	
15	Tralee	1	
23	Dingle	2	
23	Tralee		
16	Kilarney		
16	Kenmare	1	
11	Glengariff		
346		17	14

miles		Affetings bid.	Affetings bad.
	Bantry		1
9	Glengariff	1	
9	Bantry	1	
12	Skibbereen	1	
12	Skull	1	
12	Skibbereen	1	
42	Cork	1	
24	Youghal	1	1
38	Cashel	1	
37	Birr	1	
18	Tullamore	1	
20	Rathangan		
28	Dublin		
80	Milton		
8	Grange	6	
18	Tuamain plain		
8	Milton		
5	Dungannon	1	
27	Lisbarn	1	1
14	Antrim	1	
430		11	11

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Miles		Meetings for public
11	Lower Grange	1 —
16	Enna Lodge	
1	Ballymoney	1
1	Enna Lodge	1 —
27	Cotton Mount	
15	Ballinderry	1 1
5	Hillsborough	1 —
3	Lisburn	1
15	Moyallen	1 —
15	Lisburn	
7	Belfast	1 1
7	Rathfyland	1
13	Moyallen	1
5	Lurgan	1
5	Moyallen	
7	Richhill	1
31	Coothill	1 1
50	Dublin	5
		15 - 6
234		

Miles		Meetings for public
9	Bray	1
5	Monkstown	2
4	Dublin	1
4	Monkstown	1
4	Dublin	1
2	Portobello	1
2	Dublin	1 —
	before going to London attending Dublin & Monkstown	5 —
30		8 - 5
191		15 - 4
278		19 - 7
346		17 - 14
430		10 - 11
234		15 - 6
1509	Total	84 - 47

Mary of
Agnath Robson
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30th of 1st Mo 1837

I left home under a feeling of of considerable discouragement in order to visit friends in Durham also Cumberland and Northumberland, my beloved husband set me to Manchester where after spending two or three days with our son & daughter friends we parted he returning home and I being joined by my friend Margaret Binns went to York, I felt much at leaving my dear husband and family, but chiefly a sense of unfitness for the service before me greatly bowed my spirit, thus I a

forth weeping, but not without
a grain of faith that He who
had graciously helped me through
many close exercises would be
pleased to condescend to be my
helper in this journey, I attended
two meetings at Manchester which
were low times; at York I got a
little cheered in being sensible
that my Good Master had not
forsaken me in sitting a meeting
with friends, we quartered with my
Nephew & Niece Joseph & Sarah
Rawlinson who I hope are improv-
-ing in best things; From thence
we proceeded to Darlington lodged
with my cousin John & Katherine
Backhouse who gave us a very
kind reception, cousin William
Robson went with us to Stockton the day

following being 6th day the 5th
of 2nd Mo. we had a meeting with
friends, wherein I trust we were
refreshed together dined with Mary
Atkinson called on several friends
and returned to Darlington, on 7th
day we were lovingly employed
in visiting ~~many~~ our relatives,
the Meeting on 1st day morning
was an open time wherein I believe
we were favored to experience
the decending of heavenly God,
in the afternoon had a public
Meeting at Hurworth many
friends attended, cousin H C
Backhouse ~~attended~~ took a part
in the service, it was a reviving
Meeting to me which was cause
of renewed thankfulness, on 2nd

2nd day morning we parted with my dear relatives, from whom we had received great kindness, much cordiality being evinced, but I have ever found that it is the safest way to look with a single eye to my Good Master, and not suffer any marks of approbation evinced by my friends even such as I much esteem to supersede the judgment of truth in my own mind, at the same time the unity of the brethren is what I highly prize as a blessed privilege — we went to Meeting at Stainrop on 2nd day forenoon & one at Cotherston in the evening where we staid all night at John Chipchase's, we visited Caleb Wilson who was in declining health

cousin Deborah Robson accompanying us

but seemed to be clear in the truth and mind much concern about the division in our society. on 3rd day morning we went to a public Meeting at Bp Auckland where ~~they~~ Cousins John & Mary H (Backhouse met us the Meeting was not large but quiet, and I hope was held to satisfaction — in the afternoon we went to Lendulam lodged at my dear Sister Mary's who gave us a hearty welcome here we staid a few days attended their week day Meeting had a public Meeting at Sedgefield and on 1st day was at their Mtg in the morning & in the evening a large public Meeting was held in Friends Meeting house, and ~~on~~ on 2nd day morning at Newbottle, some of

these meetings were laborious times
especially the public Meeting at
Lundsland but I trust the truth
prevailed in a considerable degree
on 3rd day we went to Newcastle dear
sister Mawsey going with us greatly
at my Cousin Jonathan & Ann Richardson
on 4th day attended the week day Meet.
and went to Shield in the afternoon
and were most kindly received by
my dear brother & Sister Wm &
Margaret Richardson, we staid until
7th day being at their Meet. on 5th
& a public Meeting on 6th day evening
~~[illegible]~~ the former
was encouraging but the latter
not quite so open a time as some
others, our stay here was refreshing
to my mind as well as at Lundsland

having much comfort in the society of near and beloved relatives, and I trust at times we were favored to take sweet counsel together, on 7th day Sister Richardson went with me to Newcastle leaving my companion at Shields rather indisposed, the Meeting on 1st day morning was a time of close exercise for a while, but I trust that ability was afterwards afforded, to speak to different states and to hold forth the doctrines professed by us as being in strict accordance with scripture. In the evening we had a large public Meeting, wherein I felt great openness to declare the truth as it is in Jesus, it was I believe a good Meeting and I felt great joy & peace after the labors of

this day, on 2nd day visited friends in the morning and dined with Deborah Richardson, returned to our quarters to tea where we had a large company of young friends with a few of the older class, with whom we had a precious religious opportunity George Richardson and I think sister Richardson took an agreeable part therein — On 3rd we went in company with G Richardson to Lundeland to attend the interment of our friend George Binns who left a widow and a large number of children to lament his loss — on 5th day was at the Mo Mtg. at Newcastle, wherein my mind was again much exercised some present having gone off into speculative opinions of faith

~~in and~~ and the immediate teachings of the holy Spirit which I believe to be subversive of Christianity through very specious, it seemed to be my business to hold up faith with works, and the great privilege of the immediate teachings of the holy Spirit afforded to us in this Gospel day — prayer was also opened up and I believe through adorable condescension the truth prevailed in a precious degree — on 5th day we had a public meeting at Cullercoats, parted with my dear sister Mawson after it and went to Newcastle, on 6th day the 26th my dear companion & I parted with our dear friends at Newcastle, and went to Alston a friend going guide with us a second season, we lodged at John Lillies who with his wife, son &

daughter are agreeable friends, we had a meeting with friends & others which I trust was graciously owned by the Good Master, next day we went to Allendale, lodged at Joshua Watson, the following day being 1st day we attended the meeting with friends in the morning which was through divine condescension a refreshing season, we also had a comfortable public meeting in the evening, previously to it I felt much discouraged on account of a heavy fall of snow, which I thought would render it almost impracticable for the people to come out, but on going to meeting was surprised and thankful to see a large company collected, who behaved solidly several of them came from a considerable distance. There were some lively spirited friends belonging to that Meeting, who I believe had given notice of the meeting heartily

feeling an interest therein and I am convinced that the manner in which people receive invitations to public meeting makes a difference in their attendance, in the evening we had an encouraging opportunity with Joseph Watson & his widowed daughter Pattison, the former aged man was laboring a trying complaint a large wen having formed on his throat which impeded his breathing and seemed likely to suffocate him on 2nd day morning we set off with the friend who came with us from Newcastle in a Chaise for Lonsdale not without some apprehension of our progress being impeded by the snow, there seemed some danger also in having to descend a long and in some places steep hill, but we were

passed to get along in safety which was cause of renewed thankfulness, the Meeting at Lonwood consisted of Rachel Wigham a minister a Grandmy-daughter living with her, a widowed son, ~~[illegible]~~ living near, a nephew his wife and two children compose the Meeting, yet though our number was small there was the precious feeling of life witnessed, wherein the language of encouragement flowed towards them, R Wigham is a worthy friend, and we were very agreeably impressed with her Grand Daughter who was only about 18 years of age and seemed to have the gravity of a much older person, was in a very tender frame of mind,

we had a refreshing opportunity
with the family altogether before
we parted with them, the two men
friends went with us to Halt-
whistle in the afternoon where
we had a meeting in the evening
in a Methodist Meeting house,
wherein strength was mercifully
afforded to plead the Good
cause which found entrance I
trust in many minds, much
kindness was shewn towards
us after it was over and we
were invited to lodge at the
house of a Methodist, which
we declined, having engaged
lodging at an Inn - on 2nd day
morning we went to Carlisle where
we met a kind reception from

Thomas Stordy & his wife, here John Waterson who had remained with us since leaving Newcastle left us and returned home — on 4th day we had a meeting at Scotby with friends, on 5th at Carlisle on 6th at Salsport [read Solport], in the morning and Fairbrington in the afternoon, the former a very poor spot as to friends a few other people coming in helped the meeting, at the latter place we faced Butter, there being some lively spirited friends amongst them, we took tea at William Dodgeons with whose company we were much interested; returned to Carlisle after on 7th day made some calls. & rested on 1st day the 6th of 3rd M. attended Friends meeting in the morning and had

a large public Meeting in the evening both these were laborious sermons, different states were spoken to in the morning, and a call extended to more dedication of heart, in the evening, may spend to that on our Christian doctrine, great stillness prevailed and it was a good Meeting and through the gracious condescension of my good master I felt sweet peace ~~in the evening~~ before retiring to rest —

On 2nd day we at a meeting at Marrhaven in the morning very few friends belong to it but several serious people not of our society came in, and we were remembered for good altogether as well as in a small meeting

at Kirkbride in the morning
where we parted with Thomas &
Chr^th Stordy lodged at Mary
Stelton, on 3rd day we went to
Wigton quarter at Robt. Dodgons
went to a meeting at Bolton in
the afternoon where we met some
agreeable friends and I believe such
who sense have to wait upon
the Lord their expectation being
from him, we returned to Wigton
Mary Jayton was with us there
who spoke agreeably in the [illegible]
of ministry, on 4th day sat with
friends in the morning at Wigton
where it seemed to be my place
after much exercise of spirit to
try to arouse the useless and lukewarm which appeared to me to

prevail in a great degree in that Meeting, in the afternoon we visited the School, where there are a nice stock of Children, and I hope under good management, several friends met us there and I trust in a religious opportunity we were favored with a little of the springing up of the well of life — on 5th Day we went to a meeting at Beckfoot, where we expected to have met a small company of friends, but were surprised in going into Meeting to find the house well filled, Joseph Soul the School master having brought his Scholars teachers &c to the number of about 100, my mind soon opened in communication, they were very quiet and it was a refreshing time to me beyond

many meetings composed of friends only. I believe Quakerism to be pure primitive Christianity and in sitting down with those who are truly desirous of performing spiritual worship, the Unction from the Holy One is inwardly witnessed refreshing the weary traveler Zion ward and filling the hungry with good things, thus at seasons through adorable Goodness, the solemn feast is sweetly enjoyed and the faith and confidence of the Lord preserved. But for want of faithfully laboring in the vineyard of the heart, great weakness and lukewarmness prevails over many of the members of our poor society, the daily prayer

for spiritual bread being neglected it is no wonder that when we meet in our religious assemblies great deadness is felt, and it is hard work indeed for those who ~~love~~ love the Lord Jesus in sincerity & in truth to press through all these obstructions ——

After dining at Joseph Sauls (a farmer) we had a pleasant ride by the Sea side to Alenby where we had a Meeting next day, and one at Mary Port on ye 4th day, going to Whitehaven in the afternoon, and were very kindly received by Mary Nicholson her sister and niece Mary Nicholson, I was at their Meeting in the morning of first day, and had a large solemn public Meeting in evening, I was

where we quietly at some quarter

much enlarged in communication towards the people, there was I believe not only a door of utterance given but also a door of entrance the people evinced much love after it towards us, and I felt sweet peace and thankfulness in being thus through Gracious condescension helped along in my Good Master business, 2nd, 3rd & 4th day until evening were employed in visiting families, at the close had a meeting with friends and left Whitehaven on 5th day went to a meeting at Greysouthern Mary Milner being with us we were kindly entertained at John Wilson Fletcher's, we met some agreeable friends in that place

to our comfort J W Fletcher & his wife and I went travelling Zionward we attended also a meeting of Ministers & Elders there, next morning our hostess's went with us to a Meeting at Braughton where I hope there are some agreeable young people as well as some of our older class, we called in the afternoon on several friends and had religious opportunities with some of them—parting with our kind friend J W & M. F we went to Cockermouth, Richard Owens being our Guide, and quartered at Jeremiah Spencers, next day we were at their Meeting having a few neighbours invited in the afternoon, things seemed to be very low amongst them as to the life of

religion, I was also much indisposed
with a heavy cold which affected
my chest, so that altogether it
was a season of discouragement
on 2nd day I kept house being
very unwell, on 3rd day morning
was their Monthly Meeting which
I felt a concern to attend, but
I sense advised me not to go
out thinking it would be
attended with some risk my
throat being considerably inflamed,
I was tried at being so much
indisposed at a great distance
from home, but found that I
must go to meeting, and was
enabled to sound an alarm
amongst them, on account of
their lukewarmness, ~~which~~ which was

~~[illegible]~~ to the comfort of some honest hearted friends
was to my relief, and I was no
worse for going out, thus I was
permitted afresh to prove that it
is good to trust in the Lord and
to commit ourselves into His
Hand in body soul and spirit.
next day we went in a Chaise to
Pardshaw Meeting, dined after it
at Beach hill at John Alderson's
who with his wife and two of her
sisters seemed to be lively spirited
friends, we returned to J Spencers, in
the evening, on 5th day Richard Evans
accompanied us in a chaise to Moredale
where we lodged at Joseph Nicholsons
having a meeting there in the afternoon
it was a cold place amongst the
Mountains which were hardly covered
with snow, several people of the

village attended, but altogether it appeared to me that the life of religion was at a low ebb, in the morning of 6th day we had a religious opportunity in the family which was to my relief, and tenderness was produced in the visited, we then went to Gilpaat and had a meeting with the few who belong to it and several of the neighbours, but it was a low time, yet I hope there was some stirings of good amongst them, but in the general great indifference respecting things of the first importance — we went to Carlisle after dining at R Priestmans, quarted again at our kind friends J J E Stordys

next day we commenced a visit to the families of Carlisle Meeting which I had previously had a view of, it appeared a painful engagement in prospect, and I felt it to be so from day to day as we proceeded therein, and I trust a little help was graciously afforded from Him who is strength in weakness to such as trust in Him, we attended Meeting on 1st day and nearly finish'd our visit by the Quarterly Meeting which was held on 5th day the select meeting the evening preceding, it was I trust a time of renewed favour wherein a little renewed help was mercifully afforded to espouse the precious cause of truth, exhorting to faithfulness

in an entire surrender of all to
Christ & ye Daniel Oliver of
Newcastle was there, and had
some good service amongst
us — on 6th day had a public Meeting
at Scotby in the evening a solemn
season wherein we were favored
with the overshadowing of the
Divine Being Lydia Sutton a
worthy Minister of that Meeting
took a share in the service, our
dear aged friend Joseph Sutton
sate by me who spoke very
encouragingly to me after Meeting
and we parted in much love
he was above 90 years old
quite active in body and vigorous
in mind; With two or three visits
7th day morning our service

closed in that Quarter, attending the Quarterly Meeting near the end of our service there afforded an opportunity of parting affectionately with many dear friends who we loved in the truth, how precious is the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. we went to Pawitt on 7th day afternoon Hudson Scott a printer and Bookseller accompanying us, we were very kindly received by Elizabeth Ritson a very aged friend between 90 & 100 years old, her faculties seemed bright and her religious perceptions quick though very feeble in body it was refreshing to sit by her bed side, we had been laborious

Meetings there, on 1st day in the evening the neighbours were invited, great indeed was the precious exercise of my spirit it proved through Divine Goodness a very open meeting and I trust graciously owned by my Good Master's presence. On 2nd day morning we parted with dear E Ritson & her kind Niece Hannah Hayton, and some others and took coach for Manchester & Liverpool my dear companion who had been very kind and acceptable fellow traveller to me through this journey, going for Liverpool I parted with her at Preston and went to Manchester to

visit my dear Son & Daughter Wilson & Margaret Cruddson, the latter being confined of a little daughter; we had a fine day for our journey, and I was through great condescension favored with a very peaceful mind, so that we travelled along sweetly together to the end, and hailed in that love in which we had through the journey been united together, I was afresh reminded of the feelings of discouragement under which I left home, and this passage of Holy Writ feelingly revived "He that goeth forth & weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing

his I have with him" under
these feelings my heart was
filled with gratitude to my
Heavenly father, who graciously
regardeth the least of His flock
and dealeth very bountifully
with those who trust in Him —
my beloved husband met me
at Manchester to our mutual
joy comfort, and in a few days we
returned home to our dear family
at Liverpool, and were ~~thankfull~~
in meeting altogether again
after an absence of about 10 weeks,

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			miles
30th of 1st Mo 1836	went to Manchester	—	32
31st		Meeting 1d Public 2 "	
2nd of 2nd Mo	York J Rawnsters		64
3rd	—	1 " —	
4th	Darlington John Backhouses	—	48
5th	Stockton & back (Atkinsons) to Darlington —	1 1	22
7th	Hurworth & back	— " 1	6
8th	Staindrop C Bradys —	1 " —	11
	Cotherstone J Chipchases —	" 1 —	10
9th	Bp Auckland John Carter —	" 1 —	19
	Sunderland, dear Sister Mannings —		23
11th	— — — — — —	1 "	
12th	Sedgefield & back	1 —	3
14th	— — — —	1 " 1	
15th	Newbottle & back	" 1 —	12
16th	Newcastle — — — — —		12
17th	— — — —	" 1 —	
	Shields to dear bro & Sister Richardsons	—	8
18		1 "	
19	— — — — — —	1	
		9 " 8	270

2nd Mo 1836

		Meetings Bus	Public	miles
20th	Newcastle Sat & Richardson	Brought over 9	8	8
21st	— — — — — —	1	1	
23rd	Sunderland & back to N Castle	1		24
24th	— — Mo Mtg	1		
25th	Cullercoates & back — —		1	10
26th	Alston John Little — —		1	48
27th	Allendale Joseph Watsons			14
28	— — — — — —	1	1	
29th	Cornwood Jane Wigham's	1		10
	Haltwhistle		1	4
1st 3rd Mo	Carlisle Thomas Sturdys — —			21
2nd	Scotby Lydia Sutton — back to C	1		6
3rd	— — — — — —	1		
4th	Solport dined at John Blairs	1		16
	Kirklinton, tea at William Dodgson,	1		7
	back to Carlisle ~~John Littlegood~~			9
6th	— — — — — —	1	1	
7th	Moorhouse, dined at Ann Slordy's	1		4
	Kirkbride lodged at Mary Shaltons	1		6
	Thos & Elin Steady guides			
		21	14	
				182

		Meetings	Miles
3rd Mo 1836			
8	Wigton Robert Dodgsons brought over	23	14	6
	Balton, Mary Taylor & Sarah Dickinson - guides	1		
	back to Wigton			6
9th	visited the School	1		
10th	Beckfoot - Joseph Tuels,	1		10
	Allonby, Thos. Dickinsons Sarah Dickinson guide			5
11th	Bigland guide	1		
	& Dickinsons guide			
	Mary Port Jane Ostells			5
12th	— — — — — —	1		
	Whitehaven Mary Nicholsons			15
13th	visited families — —	1	1	
16th		1		
	in all 29 sittings			
17th		1		
18th	Greysouthern, John Wyman & Fletchers Mary Miller waiting on them	2		10
19	Broughton Mary Ann Musons	1		2½
	Cockermouth Jeremiah Spencer			3
20		1	1	
22nd	— — — — —		1	
23rd	Paddhaw dined at John Aldersons Beach Hill	1		
	Back to Cockermouth			9
		34	17	71½

		Meetings		Miles
		brought over		
3rd Mo				
24th	Middle River Indiana guide Joseph	34	17	24
	Nicholson	1		
25th	Gillfoot – dined at Robert Pierson's	1		6
	Carlisle – T Stordays			14
26th	began to visit families			
27th		1		
30th	ministers & Elders	1		
31st	Quarterly Meeting	1		
4th Mo 1st	Lostley & back		1	6
2nd	Penrith. Elin Peters			18
3rd	Hudson Scott guide	1	1	
4th	Manchester			100.
7		1		
		41	19	168
9th	Returned home			
				32
	1st page			270
	2d "			182
	3rd "			71½
		Miles		723½

Diary of Elizabeth
Robins of Liverpool
1837

19th of 5th M 1837

Left home by Coach in company with Isaac Hadwin lodged at Birmingham, at Benj.n & Cordia Cadbury's went to London the following day 208 where I had the great comfort of meeting my beloved husband who had been travelling near 4 weeks with our worthy friend George Richardson — we took up our quarters 2 or 3 nights at the 4 Swans and then went to lodge at our kind friends Eliz.th Birch at Newington — on 2nd day the 22nd the yearly Meet of Ministers and Elders began, on 3rd day morning J. J. Gurney brought up his concern to visit America, which caused a long discussion considerable opposition being made to it, but he was eventually liberated

The Yearly Meeting was to me a time of very close exercise, on account for occurrence at the beginning third the feelings of my dear husband & myself, but this afforded me renewed cause to admire the Goodness [of the Lord] in raising me above discouragement and affording me a capacity from day to day to take a share in the exercise, and in some of the labors also, of the Yearly Meeting —

On 2d day morning I was brought under great exercise about going into the ~~Yearly~~ Meeting and in much fear I yielded to being encouraged by my friends, Catherine Abbott Margaret Grafton [Hannah Harrison] went with me, I was enabled to speak to the relief of my own mind, and had sweet peace in giving

up to this trying service — miles

after the Yearly Meeting was over my dear husband and I parted, he continuing to accompany our worthy friend George Richardson in a visit to the midland and Western counties commenced before the Yearly Meeting, and I going to our dear children at Walden where I spent 11 or 12 days, including attending the Quarterly Meeting at Colchester which through gracious condescension was a time of unmixed favour, wherein my head was lifted up above the waves of trouble and strength afforded to advocate the blessed cause of Truth there were some other opportunities in testimony, the Yearly Meeting Epistle was read, and after it I was drawn forth in solemn supplication

Mileage 25 miles 42

6th Mo 1837 meetings miles

I went the day before with my dear
John in their one horse Chaise 36
enjoyed his company very much
and we returned to Walden after
meeting on 3d day, the air was
refreshing and having a pleasant
mind together with dear John's
company I enjoyed the ride much
we tarried [two] days our worthy friend
Wm Dankbridge, and supped at
Bordfield with our beloved friends
Joseph Smith, and got to Walden
about 12 o'clock not very much 36
18th fatigued — on 1st day the 18th
our dear John & Rachel went with me
in a Gig to Hamill, lodged at Rachel 12
Squires at Northcoat, went at the Meeting
at Hamill in the evening and at Walden in
the morning — my dear John & meetings 2
Rachel left me at R Squire's and
Meetings 2 — 84

6th Mo 1887 Mutt, miles

returned home, I felt much a parting with them, but had some hope that we might meet again before leaving that part of the country our worthy friend Bernard Dickinson having some mind to the Yearly Meeting I was going to go the Minute at his request to attend them and my dear friend E Beck had a Minute to accompany me, so we proceeded together, going from 19 Hamill to Ipswich on 2nd day 40

Met 2 of ministers & Elders in the evening, when we met about separating Lucy Mann Fenwick above in supplication chiefly for the King (William the IV) who was then very ill and he died next morning — In the Quarterly Meeting 20th on 3rd day I was led to set forth the difference between a meeting 2 miles 40

profession of religion and miles
having a possession in the truth,
there were several others appearing
and I trust the Meeting was favored
and by Divine regard, in the 27
evening we took tea with John
Stowell & his wife where we had
a religious opportunity several
young people were present &
to some I believe it was a
baptizing season, and returned
to our quarters at Dyke Alex
-andrs, where we were kindly
entertained by him & his daughter
Martha 28
28th Robert Ransom went quite
with us to Indiana called by 22
the way at Mt Alexandrs
Quarter & at John Kings had a
meeting in the evening, where

Meeting 1 mile 22

miles

after travelling through much
dryness, may offend in a hurtful
close testimony which afforded
relief to my mind —

22nd John King went guide to Bury 16
lodged at John Pace's had a meet
with friends in the morning
and had a public meet in the
evening — the latter was small
I apprehend partly owing to some
of the members of our society there
having taken to prominent a part
in the approaching election
whereby one side was offended.

23rd — Brown was our guide to 9
Baldwell where is a small meet
but I trust there is some life
amongst them we dined with
two women friends named Wright, here
Thos. Maw of Peckham met us
public meeting — 1 — 2 25

miles

and took us to his house at Northam, where we were very kindly received by him & his wife & Sam Maw - had a public Meeting in the evening — 17

24th Sat with the few friends in their Mtg house, Thos Maw & his wife & Tom Lamacraft tomorrow the Meeting — In the afternoon Samuel Maw was our guide to Ipswich, took tea with Ed and Cordelia 10

25th Attended Meeting with friends in the morning & had a public meet in the evening, both of these were relieving to my mind we dined at Thos & Catherine Fox's meeting friends with a nice family of children took tea with Wm Henry & Sophia Alexander —

public — 2 " 2 27

1837 6th mo

28th 7th day Catherine Fox set us to
Woodbridge where we had a 7
meeting, ability was given to
labour with such as have
imbibed opinions inimical to
our profession and to extend
encouragement to the upright
hearted — we dined at Martha
Jessup an aged Widow, but
seems to be smartly alive in
the truth, I was comforted in
her society — In the afternoon
a friend went with us to
Linden where we were most
kindly received at my cousin
Gurney Susanna Haines 17
27th 1st day had two meetings three one with
friends in the morning & a public
meeting in the evening we were favored
with the friends we met here and
thought it an agreable meeting
Public 1 " 2 24

miles
in the afternoon we went about
three miles to see Wm Joseph who 4
was ill and apparently not far
from his end, we had a religious
opportunity with him —
The public Mtg was well attended
and there appeared great openness
amongst the people
28th Second day Neave set us to Norwich 35
by the way we breakfasted with
some nice young people named
Candler and afterwards called
at another place and visited
a friend newly convinced &
and received into membership 2
with us — at Norwich we took
up our Quarters at Jane Gurneys
attended Mtg of M & E in the evening
a large time I thought it was

meeting 1 39

members of Norwich
I laid before the Mont. at the close
a concern to visit families of
that Meeting which was cordially
united with — but afterwards I
felt very low at the prospect &
entertained fears lest I had too
readily yielded to this proposal
and this brought me into great
trouble for a while, but as I 8
endeavoured to see what was left
for me to do under such feelings, the
cloud dispersed and light shone upon
the undertaking, and I had a hope
given that I should be helped
29th through — The Quarterly Meeting
was to me rather a trying time I
felt no capacity for saying any
thing in the Mont. but worship
but while sitting in the women's
meeting a concern arose in my
mind towards the men's meeting which

I yielded to and felt some relief but it appeard to me that the people were so full fed with preaching that there was not much room for such an ow as me to communicate any thing ——————

30th On 6th day we commenced our labors in the families, in which we were helped from one place to another beyond what I had looked for. I also received letters from my dear husband and chil.n which comforted me much so that I was made thankful for the mercies received we continued to pursue this engagement, and attended the Meetings as they come in course 10th of 7th mo. until 2nd day 10th of 7th Mo in the

1837
7th Mo. 7th

next 17 miles

meen time had one public
meeting held in the large House
which was not full, I went to it
under much exercise of mind
as has been the case with me in
many other instances, indeed
I may say at all times when about
to engage in so solemn an undertaking
but sometimes the spring of
ministry flows more copiously
than at other times, at this time
I layed with the opening and
following it as it unfolded
my mind was comfortably
relieved, and I felt peaceful
after it — dined in Norwich. 16 public Meeting

10th Henry Birkbeck went quite with
us to Toftenhall, where we had a meet.
James Doe & John Holmes's wife
met us there, and took us to

Tinetshall we dined at James Dix a
after meeting went with Robert Dix 4 miles
confined to the couch, I was pleased with
tender frame of mind, returned after i
11 James Dix & John Holmes went with us
member and two more not members who
Inn and then went to Richard At
meeting of friends, our meeting was in the evening —
12 went to Attleborg where is a sm
several friends going with us
gracious condescension we were
James Mustits who married out of
received into membership with his wife
lodged at Tho. & Christ. Bayes; the latter a
very sorely by commitment, had a humble
13th Attended Norwich as meeting dined at Joseph
14th visited Joseph Gedacts on our way to

	Mt Vn	miles
and lodged at John Holmes's	2	7
miles to see a Daughter who has been long		8
with the mind she appeared to be in a meet		
ter it to J Holmes's ———		
h us to Dis where is only one woman a		
who held a small Meeting, we dined at Jan		7
mes Harding where is a comfortable		10
——— ——— ———		1
small Meet. but it was enlarged by		1
from Harlem, and through		
refreshed together, dined at		
of our society but has since been		1
wife, in the afternoon went to Wymondham		5
a minister hath worthy friends joined		
public meet that evening ——— (1)		
	1	11
at Joseph & Frances Pages		
ay to Lawns		

This book was bound by the children at Rawdon school, and presented, in third month 1846 by the superintendent to

Thomas Robson

A Testimony from
Hardshaw West Monthly Meeting concerning
Elizabeth Robson
deceased
on account of her son Henry Robson

This, our beloved Friend, the youngest daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Stephenson, of Bridlington Quay in Yorkshire, was born there on the 25 of 6 mo. 1771. Of her early religious impressions we have but few particulars; but there is reason to believe that even very young, her mind was preciously favoured with the visitations of Divine love. On one occasion, whilst but a child, her parents being absent from home, her youngest brother was much distressed at being left without them: — observing this, and participating in the same feeling, she knelt down and fervently implored the Divine preservation, which had a calming influence upon

their tender minds.

After the decease of her parents, she resided with her brother Isaac Stephenson at Stockton on Tees until the year 1796, when she was united in marriage with our friend Thomas Robson, then of Darlington; a union which they were permitted to enjoy for the space of nearly forty seven years.

For several years she had to pass through many spiritual exercises and conflicts of mind; — a preparation, no doubt, for that service to which she was afterwards called. As the work of Divine Grace prospered in her own soul, her interest in the eternal welfare of her fellow-professors increased also; and she was, at times, constrained to give expression to her feelings in meetings for discipline. In the year 1808 she was made willing, in a meeting for worship to express her desire that "those

"who were qualified for service in the Church
"might come forward in their ranks in right
"courses." After this act of dedication
she told her husband that her mind felt
"clothed with the garment of praise." Being
faithful in the little, she became ruler over
more; yet she was deeply solicitous, that, in
so solemn an engagement, she might be
preserved from moving without the renewed
putting forth of the heavenly Shepherd.

In the year 1810 she was recorded
as an acknowledged minister, and, in the
following year removed, with her husband
and family to Livesloland, within the com-
pass of Newcastle Monthly Meeting. From
a very early period after being thus recorded,
she was, for several years, largely engaged in
religious service in many parts of England;
and, in 1813, in company with her brother
Isaac Stephenson, she visited Ireland. Of
one of the services allotted on this journey

she thus writes "We have had about 120 fam-
"ily sittings at Cork: the cup which hath
"been handed to us hath been mixed,
"both bitter and sweet; but without the
"former we cannot expect to enjoy the latter;
"so that I desire to be thankful for both".
She also visited the Scilly Islands, and
had extensive labour amongst the miners
and sea-faring men in Cornwall, North-
umberland and Durham, amongst whom,
it is believed that seals to her ministry re-
main to this day.

In the year 1816 she was deeply
exercised under a belief that it was re-
quired of her to visit some parts of the
Continent of Europe, and, in company
with Elizabeth Fry (daughter of William
Storrs Fry) she entered upon this arduous
engagement, in which they were joined by
William Allen and his wife. After

travelling through part of the Netherlands, Holland, Germany and Switzerland, this little company was brought into much affliction at Geneva by the illness of Charlotte Allen, whose decease soon afterwards took place in that city. This was, to Elizabeth Robson and her companions, a distressing and discouraging circumstance; but their friend William Allen, in the midst of his own afflictions, was made instrumental to their help, and encouraged them to proceed with their religious engagements, remarking that "we ought not "to dispute in the dark what we have seen "in the Light." Upon leaving Vienna, while in this journey, she thus wrote: "Soon after "we set off I felt my mind drawn into "silence; and such a flow of peace filled "my heart, for a considerable time, as "I have seldom experienced, in which I rejoiced,

"and a song of praise was raised in my
"soul for the many favours extended, in
"divers ways, to me, a poor unworthy crea-
"ture". In the certificate from the
"Fourth day Meeting" of Friends at Mid-
den, this visit is recorded in the following
terms "By their ministry received of
"the Lord, both in meetings and in fami-
"lies, they have ploughed, watered, watched
"and strengthened the Seed of the Kingdom of
"God; so that we have cause to be humbly
"thankful to the great Father for this ex-
"tension of His favour"

During the five following years
she was much engaged in religious ser-
vice, having, in that period, visited
Scotland, the Orkney Islands, the Southern
Counties of England, some parts of Wales;
also Ireland a second time.

In the year 1821, she removed
with her husband and family to Liverpool,

and thus became a member of this monthly meeting. Respecting this change of residence she remarks "I soon found an ex-
"tensive field of labour opened for me, not only
"among friends but also among the people
"generally". Many public meetings were soon afterwards, held in Liverpool and its vicinity, and in other parts of Lancashire the sweet peace and cheerful composure which usually attended her at the conclusion of these engagements, convinced, as she frequently remarked, that she had not expended her own strength, and that He whom she was endeavouring faithfully to serve was a good and gracious Master.

With that dedication which marked her services, she continued to labour diligently among friends and others in various parts of this nation, until the year 1824, when she entered upon a visit to the continent

of North America. This engagement occupied four years, during which she had many deep baptisms and conflicts to endure. These were greatly increased by having to contend against the unscriptural principles then so mournfully prevalent at that time: herein she had to encounter much opposition, yet was enabled, in the spirit of meekness, unflinchingly to uphold our belief in the Divinity and Atonement of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Referring to this engagement, she remarks "Thus, after many perils by "sea and land, and amongst false brethren "I was permitted, through adorable goodness, "to reach my own dear home; and to meet "my beloved husband and children in sweet "peace to our humble rejoicing: everlasting "praise be ascribed unto God for His care "and protection to one of the least of His flock."

In 1831 accompanied by her husband she again visited some parts of the continent of Europe, holding meetings with those under our name, and with various persons of other denominations in Germany, Switzerland and the South of France. Whilst in Paris, she believed it required of her to seek an interview with the Queen:— She felt also a similar concern to visit the King and Queen of Wurtemberg, by all of whom she was courteously received and the interviews proved relieving to the mind of our friend.

From the year 1832 to 1837, she continued to be diligently engaged in the discharge of the various religious services to which she felt herself called, in several parts of England; also in Ireland and the Isle of Man.

In the year 1838, accompanied by her beloved husband, she embarked, on

second time for America, in which country she laboured abundantly, much to the comfort and edification of friends. She also held numerous meetings with the inhabitants, both white and coloured, in many parts, not only where friends are settled, but in other districts of the United States remote from any of their meetings. We find the following memorandum written during the course of this journey. "The pure "seed of life seems to lie very low in many "places, and must be cleared by an earthly "mind and a spirit of ease; — and some-"times, after feeling entirely divested of all "sense of good, when there seemed to be no-"thing but death to be experienced, I have "found, that, by keeping my eye directed to "my gracious Master, a little light has "arisen out of the darkness like a little "spring of life, which, by attending to it, has "increased; and strength has been afforded and "matter supplied to advocate the previous

"cause of Truth;" and, in the first open-
"ing, close doctrine has been handed forth
"in gospel authority in love, and without
"fear of giving offence, the slavish fear
"of man being taken away; and, after
"such seasons of great exercise, sweet peace
"has been my portion, and my spirit at
"times has bowed in reverent thankfulness
"to my Heavenly Father, in that She is
"pleased to make use of so unworthy a
"creature; and desires have been renewed
"that I might be increasingly prepared for
"His most blessed work and service." She
returned from this extensive field of labour
in the year 1842 in the possession of that
peace and comfort which abundantly com-
pensated for all her labours and for which her
heart was often filled with gratitude to her
gracious Lord.

She regarded this as an evening
sacrifice; and, with the exception of praying

a visit to the families of friends of her own Monthly Meeting, a visit to friends in Scotland, attending the general meeting at Edinburgh and the Yearly Meeting in London, she spent the short remainder of her life in the quiet enjoyment of home, to which she had, naturally, a peculiar attachment. This, however, did not prevent her from being as ready and willing to forego her domestic comforts for the service of her Divine Master; and, at the Monthly Meeting held on the 30th of 11 month 1843, she acquainted her friends that she apprehended it was required of her to offer to visit friends of the Quarterly Meeting of London and Middlesex; intimating, at the same time, her sense of diminution of her bodily powers, but desiring that her little remaining strength might be spent in the service of her Lord. She was cordi-

ally liberated for this search; but, on the following day, whilst in making preparations for the journey, she was seized with an attack of paralysis which suddenly reduced her to a state of helplessness, and nearly deprived her of the power of speech. Under these circumstances almost precluded from any expression, and awaking but at distant intervals to a transient state of consciousness the patient endurance of her affliction, the calmness and serene repose which rested upon her countenance, and the precious feeling attending, furnished abundant evidence that all was peace within.

In this state she continued until the 11th of 12 month, when her purified spirit, freed from the shackles of mortality, was permitted, we reverently trust, through the mercy and mediation of our Holy Redeemer, to join the general assembly and church of the first born, which are written

in Heaven, and "the spirits of just men made perfect.

She died in the 73rd year of her age, having been a minister about 36 years. Her remains were interred in Friends' burying ground at Liverpool on the 17 of 12 month 1843, on which occasion was held a large and solemn meeting and many testimonies were borne to the power and efficacy of that Grace by which she had become what she was.

Our dear friend deeply felt the need of renewed baptisms preparatory to any public service in the cause of her Divine Master; and it was only to those most intimate with her that what she experienced on these occasions was known: — she being concerned to observe the injunction

"But thou when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret."

She was largely gifted for religious service, sound and scriptural in doctrine, firmly upholding the religious testimonies more peculiar to our society, and never shrinking from the faithful declaration of them: — oftentimes to unfold and explain the important doctrines of the Gospel, her illustrations of which were strikingly appropriate; and we believe that, to many, her Gospel labours were blessed. In expostulating with the careless, the lukewarm, the worldly minded or the rebellious, she was earnest and persuasive; For religious meetings with those not of our Society she was eminently qualified; and in her private labours in the families of friends (a service in which she was often

engaged during the whole of her career as a minister) she was frequently led to exhort them to simplicity and moderation in all things, setting forth the safety of such a state; and how greatly it tends to relieve the mind from undue anxiety and unnecessary burdens.

In the diligent occupation of her time our dear friend was a striking example; being always careful, when not called into public religious service, that it should be constantly and usefully employed.

In her private walk she was careful to observe that simplicity and moderation which she was often engaged to recommend to others, and she was much beloved for her humility and meekness.

She deeply felt for and sympathized with those in affliction, whether of body or mind; and, amongst the many

~~trials~~ outward trials which it was her
cross lot, from time to time, to endure, she
was preserved in much patience and resig-
nation, and favoured to maintain great
equanimity and cheerfulness.

In her dedicated course, has
been fulfilled that declaration of Holy
Writ "The path of the just is as a shining
"light which shineth more and more
"unto the perfect day."

Given forth by the said
meeting held at Liverpool this
28th day of the third month
1844 and signed by
68 men and 50 women
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Contents of Memorandum Books belonging. E.R.

I

Epistle to some meeting on the continent dated Frankfort 8 mo 24 1816. Should be "some religious persons at Frankfort" See Memoirs 281

Epistle to friends of St Giles so called.

Letter to a banker. Letter to a poor woman at Lausanne

Do to professor Pictet's daughter. these in her own hand

Copy to some young friends unknown. Copy of the Address to Friends of New Garden Quarterly Meeting. Copy of a pencil essay beginning "The mind of a wise man" &c. with the original pasted on.

II

Memoranda of visits in Lancashire in 1822, inserted by interlineations or otherwise, in their proper places in the body of the "Reminiscences".

III

Memoranda on board the Montezuma 1824, partly entered in the "Appendix" to my "Reminiscences" (see other end of this book) — Memoranda on the return voyage 1828. At the other end of III A narrative of her trials among the Hicksites of Alexandria, Sandy Spring, &c. the last entered in said Appendix, and the last but one partially entered

IV

Miscellaneous memoranda, chiefly in another hand; one relating to the remarkable family of Hoag of Vermont; and some other very interesting matters met with on the first American journey, some in the hand writing of the late Barthomew Wistar. The story of Clarinda. The other end — Copy of An Epistle to the Half year's meeting at Westtake Upper Canada 1mo 21 1825: do. to Friends of Pickering Monthly Meeting dated 12mo 29 1824. A letter from Queenston to Peter Lawson, (translator of Jaulerus) 2month 7 1825. A letter to Joe Brant Indian Chief of six Nations, on his visit to England: Letter to Priscilla Hunt a Hicksite preacher. Lists of Family visits in Canada. Copy of a letter to some person not named dated Lancaster US 1st month 8th 1828. Timothy Paxon's statistical account of North Monthly Meeting Philadelphia. Dimensions of Arch Street Meeting-house.

V

Memoranda on first American journey 10mo 16 1824, first two pages. Expenses for herself.
At the other end is an acc^t of sundry disbursem^ts to necessitous friends on acc^t Saml Gurney, who requested her to be his almoner.

VI

The Memoranda in No 5 above-named, copied over and extended. The remainder of the written part of the book occupied with a Diary from about the commencement, on 10 mo 12 1824 to 7 mo 24 1825, enumeration of meetings and distances in her own hand.

At the other end are some Autographs of the names of several American friends on loose scraps of paper, some wafered in. not A book succeeding this apparently missing.

VII

A beautiful specimen of dried fern. This book contains a diary of proceedings from 1 mo 1 1826 to 8 mo 11 1828, the day of E K's arrival at Liverpool. purporting to bring forward the enumeration "from the last book" (which VI ending 7/24/25 cannot be). This book ends with the paragraph inserted in Testimony beginning "Thus after many perils" to and ending with "Flock" See Testimony. x see memo above.

Loose paper with number of family visits while in America 1360

VIII

Commences 12 mo 25 1829 and contains a diary of a visit to London and Middlesex. Names the receipt of the sorrowful news of the death of her brother Jos S. and concludes with a sweet account of the Heavenly peace of which she was made a rich partaker at the end of her tho labours, the last mem 6 mo 13 1830

IX

11th and 12th mo 1830 Memoranda on Manchester visit in E.R.'s own hand. A prayer at the other end.

Continued 1831 ending 7 mo 20, continued in X

X

Remainder of Continental journey, commencing 7 mo 21 1831. finished at Saffron Walden 10 mo 12 1831

XI

Durham and Yorkshire Journey commencing 7 mo 2 1832 and ends 10 mo 24. 1832

A memorandum 1st day 16 of 2 mo 1834 relative to a prophet which opened before her of Service in Ireland, whilst sitting at Ashton meeting.

XII

Memoranda commencing 10 mo 1834: and, after attending the Yearly Meetings in Dublin and London a diary of the visit to Ireland ending on 2nd day the 1st of 9 mo 1834: continued in XIII.

XIII

Continued Mem. of Irish journey beginning 2nd of 9 m 1834, and concludes on her arrival at home, accompanied by H.R. 10 mo 8 1834. The other end contains an enumeration of meetings and miles.

Meetings for friends 84: others 47; Miles 1509

ob. Copy from E.R.'s original draught of her address to William IV

XIV

Mem. of visit to Durham, Cumberland and Northumberland, commencing 1 mo 30 1837, without any other particular dates, but stating in conclusion that the visit had occupied about ten weeks. [JB Should be 1836]

XV

Mem. visit in the South commencing 5 mo 19 1837 and concluding 7 mo 14 1837, namely visit at Philadelphia

XVI

Begun at New York 5 mo 24 1840 and finished 10 mo 1841

XVII

Begun at Philadelphia 12 mo 16 1841 and finished on board the Monongahela 9 mo 13th 1842

XVIII

Continent of America 1816 and 17

XIX Sale of Money, Locked Cash box

Contents of ~~Pocket in~~ Portable desk, consisting of loose papers, letters as well as one printed pamphlet.

I Letter from W. Allen 5 mo 1 1817 ~~To Bedford Copy~~ Transferred to Letters (See Catalogue)

II Two letters from John Wigham 9 mo 28 1818 to. Transferred to letters See Catalogue

III To friends of Half Year's Meeting Upper Canada 1/21/25 See Book IV also

IV Printed address to Friends of the Yrly of Indiana written at Short Creek 9 mo 15 1825

V Copy of letter from W. Allen 8 mo 5 1824 on rights of Indians Transf. to letters (See Catalogue)

VI Letter addressed to Stephen Grellet June 15 1826.

Portable desk contains letter from Hannah J. Stephenson 1 mo 1 1833 transferred to letters. Letter from Vth R. Palmer 10 mo Albany 1/2

VII Original letter from Villnagier, Secretary of State (in French) admitting J. & E.R. and Christine Majolier to an audience of the King and Queen of Wurtemberg: dated Stuttgart le 2 Septbre 1831

VIII A Copy in E.R.'s hand, of her letter to William the fourth, without date (Wm Ball's copy of it, with E.R.'s endorsement) A pencil copy by E.R. of do. on the outside of the same. and W. Allen's letter enclosing Sir H. Taylor's autograph leaf and [illegible] 1834

IX A German translation of the Certificate and Quarterly Meeting's endorsement granted to E.R. in 1831 with the names of the signers.

X Letter in French from Wm Allen, près de Londres 8 de 6mo Mois, Juin 1831 [To my dear friends in Christ in France, Switzerland, and Germany.]

XI A translation into French of the Certificate of the Yearly Mg. of ministers and elders tenue à Londres les 16, 17, 18, 28 du 5 mois (May) 1831 signed W. Allen Secretaire.

XII Letter from Vaucher, Père, at Vevey, at England addressed to the "Hotel de Couronne" probably Geneva (Transferred to Letters in large drawer See Catalogue)

XIII Letter from Auguste Borel addressed to Neuchatel in French "Le Jour de la Semaine 10 du 8 mois 1831 (Transferred to Letters do.)

XIV Letter from Felix Rivier addressed to "a Lion d'or Lausanne" in French, 2 Août 1831 (Transferred to Letters See Catalogue in drawer)

XV English translation of Certificate issued at a special meeting held at Congenies 7 Mo 6 1831 with all the names.

XVI Copy of address to the King of Prussia 10 mo 3 '31 with his reply (the original) and two translations, one by J.R. the other by Louis Seebohm (Nb. the latter chosen)

XVII Passport issued at Carlsruhe 30 of 8 mo 1831

XVIII Copy of address to the Inhabitants of Berlin and its neighbourhood, dated, in pencil-mark, in E.R.'s hand, "Rotterdam 7 of 10 mo 1831

XIX Copy of letter to Priscilla Hunt see also Book IV

XX Copy of address to the yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders on return from Continent 1832

XXI Extract from Court Journal relative to the visit to the Queen of the French.

XXII Fragment of journal comprehending the period between 3 mo 20th to 4 mo 16 inclusive 1835 being the commencement of a ~~journey~~ visit to Lendon Middlesex and Essex Quarterly Meetings — i.e. the meetings constituting these Qu Mts.

XXIII Copy of Report addressed to the ~~Yearly~~ Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders of 1817, respecting E.R.'s first visit to the Continent in 1816 (which had just been the subject of the Report) 11 mo 1844 — Added after many discoveries

XXIV Two letters from Louis Magelier with translations } Transferred to letter box

XXV Names of the Friends in the South of France. one leaf

XXVI Certificate from the Friends in the South of France in 1831 (two copies of translations)

XLVI A Alexander's remarks

XXVII Copy of E.R's prayer 1832 (W7A)

XXVIII German & French translations of Newcastle Cert. 3/15/16, with a translation of Minden returns minutes

XXIX Mem. by E.R respects AB and the Hicksites; declaration of a friend's relation to other doctrines (no date)

XXX P.H. Gurney to McCord on E.R's removal to Liverpool & Pursuit Bath 1mo 12 '22

XXXI letter from Sculet to Madame Rolsm 11 Juillet 1831 with list of R's translations

XXXII List of Friends at Burmen and Elberfeldt 1831

XXXIII E.R's copy of her address to the Grand Duchess of Wurtemberg: French translation of the whole, and re-translation into English by Elliot Brocher

XXXIV Commencement of letter never transmitted, dated 1 Mo 11 '26 relating to Sandy Spring Slaves

XXXV B Bristow's copy of letter from to Jesse Merritt Jericho 5/19/27 in France

XXXVI E.R's copy of part of her letter to P.H.B during their visit to America probably about 1833

XXXVII E.R's own draught to some person unknown

XXXVIII E.R's own draught do

XXXIX Hardshaw W. minutes on return of Certif. on her decease

XL. letter from Thos Evans on Baltimore Y. March 1825. The first E.R and others took their detailed at length

XLI Charlotte Allens Mem. at Geneva & copy by Wallace

XLII Copy of letter written at Richmond Virginia to some person unnamed 4 mo (merely explanatory) 1826

XLIII Kendal visits 1811

XLIV Newcastle Mo Mtg documents 1817 + 18

XLV Letter from Jared Patten Jun. Lodge Quaker Meeting, Dresdyshewsen 9/21/27 after this

Complete 4 Ireland 1813 the following extract also is given

"I love dearly to please my husband who well deserves it, being far before his wife in my estimation; and had I no families to visit and time enough, I could sit down pleasantly and address him every day; but the case is widely different. I some times for a whole day really have not any time at all for writing, and it is with great exertion and making use of all the opportunities I well could, sitting up at nights to, that I have written as much as I have; and really what are I writing to Elizabeth Blackwick and sister Margaret in order to go by Dan Stott Wherdon, I've not had it in my power to get this sent off sooner without either sitting up too late or sending it off half finished. However I do intend to send one off once a week — if I can find time — unavoidably later dont be disappointed if

Interesting remarks in EK's letters not (at least most of them) suitable for insertion in "Memoirs"

Sept journey 1813 No 4. E. Carroll, a nice young man from Cork named Edw C. is with him [Worster] and likely to continue with him for a while: after the last meeting went to dine at Robt Fagles; — sat with him — he is much to be felt with, having lost his wife about two years since in a decline, after having been married a little more than two years, &c. — however I hope his trials will work the right way he seems in a resigned humble state of mind".

× "I consider J.S. appearance no cause of rejoicing". ?

5 Mo 13 No 5 — "Thy kind letter which I've read over several times with pleasure and regret: regret because I am not so good by far as my husband considers me: I should like to be in ~~reality~~ worthy of such an opinion but alas I am very defective, and have need to attend to the apostolic injunction of leaving the things which are behind, ~~and reaching~~ pressing towards the things that are before in order that the prize may be won at the end of the race; lest by any means, while I am preaching to others I myself may be a castaway" [The original is in Ink turned brown] ~~but as~~ 5 Mo 15 "I wrote the fragment of this letter at the house of a person who has been disowned for marrying [out] and his wife, a nice woman, came in by convincement: his father John Smithson a valuable

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"elder, but now old and confined by indisposition pretty
"much to his chamber: we dined with them, and took tea
"with a large family of great folks his name Wm Alexander
"his wife, James Gough's daughter: they had six nice looking
"girls and all very gay except one; such is the declension
"from ancient simplicity even amongst those who are
"the immediate descendants of such as advocated the pre-
"cious cause: their mother, I should suppose, would not
"encourage plainness. ~~for one of them~~ the second daughter
"was married very young before she could judge properly
"for herself to a son of John Heltens whose conduct it
"was supposed was immoral at the time, and has since
"been such as to make it needful for them to part and he is, I suppose,
"about going to Bristol to his father." "In some instances
"tenderness has been manifested especially in one instance
"of the person named Smithson (see above) The following is
a copy of a that portion of N O B to J R addressed to their eldest five chil-
dren. "My dear Henry & Isaac. I was much pleased
"with your kind letter, though they were but short, yet it
"cheered me to see something from you: I believe I shall be
"quite as glad to return home when at liberty so to do, as
"you will to see me: our detention at Dublin has been
"much longer than we expected [we] hope to get away this
"week — I cannot with Henry in thinking he has got orderly

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"enough; and may also add, if he makes a good use of his
"and hope he will endeavour to repay his dear father's kind-
"ness in sparing him so long from his business, as well
as the expense he has been at: I do look towards thee,
"my dear Henry, as being the eldest with a strong so-
"licitude accompanied with a hope that thou mayst
"be increasingly a comfort and help to him in his absence
"particularly; and I entreat thee, my dear! be very
"careful to be a good example in the family, kind and
"loving to thy brothers and sisters and peaceable towards
"all. not ~~observing~~ curious in observing the failings
"of others, but to consider that as not belonging to thee:
"but study to be quiet and do thy own business: when
"thou observes a failing in another, let it instruct thee
"reflect if thou hast not that defect in thyself; or,
"if not the very same, if thou hast not something
"else to guard against equally as bad. — I observe what
"my dear Father says respecting his learning too with
"pleasure: he has made very commendable progress thus
"in, but scarcely fit to take from school: I wish thee, my
"dear! to employ a little more time in reading: thou art
"now arrived at an age to be benefitted by it; and I
"should like thee and the rest of my dear children to be
"well acquainted with the writings of friends: I ad-

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"were then to begin with some journal there has
"not yet been, and which they dear Father may
"think proper further, and go through with it before
"I return. I was pleased with thy information re-
"specting the mill thy father has taken: be sure dont
"go near the wards at any time, and be careful to
"keep out of the way of the machinery. Although
"I have not received any written tokens of regard from
"my dear John Margaret and Thomas, yet I think
"no less about them: I often feel you all three very
"near and dear to me, quite as much so as when I
"was with you. I hope John will be diligent in
"his learning; and try not only to write and cypher
"well, but to be a good English grammar and Latin
"scholar: to prize his privileges in having the oppor-
"tunity to learn these things which may be more useful
"when he is grown a man than he is now aware of and
"I wish my dear Margaret also to be a good reader and
"speller: to get her grammar off well and to be indus-
"trious in sewing and do her work well. It was pleasant
"the account of her diligence. I have no fear but my
"dear Thomas will improve in his learning and
"I would have him and his brother John to give as
"little trouble in the family as they well can, not

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"to make dirt unnecessarily: and I wish all my dear boys
"to be orderly in their lodging-room; to go to bed and get
"up quietly; and my heart is filled with love for
"you all, my dear children! and I frequently feel
"strong desires that you may be good according to your
"different strength of capacity: that, by obedience to
"your Heavenly Father, you may be truly hap-
"live in love with one another, and endeavour to
"please each other; and, as far as you can, promote
"each other's comfort; and then I believe, my dear
"your Heavenly Father will love you; and you
"will by more and more, a comfort to your parents
"and repay their care and solicitude for your
"behalf." — ~~but how is~~ The following occurs in the course
of her letter on the same sheet to my Father. "& but
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"last letter but one thou said thou could write one
"with pleasure every day if I wished it and it would
"promote my comfort; when, alas! the next letter
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the passage begins thus "I was glad to receive thy letter
my dear precious husband who I hope ant asleep in
bed, while I am sitting up to write after a hard
days work, and now past 12 o'clock; but I am obliged
to do so in order to write as I cared wish: for I have
several times to day, thought I only wanted
time for a long letter:" then follows "but here" to

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a late heavy dinner and wine in addition, it
not seem to be a suitable time for religious opport-
ities meetings; and on this account as well as other
tay in Dublin has been much prolonged; though we
not tired by the late in the evening: yet sitting
with some after dinner has been felt to be
heavy work, and required much time to get to
thing like sufficient strength to relieve our minds: it
difficult for those employed in merchandize and some
business to spare time for dinner before the usual
for others: and yet I think if they would be con
with a hasty dinner without sitting over their
which it is to be feared, is a snare to some, they
accomplish it and set a good example therein
often thought, much about these things, but did
think it was best to mention them to friends
a collective capacity: we now and then, ex-
sed our sentiments in private.

From my Journal 1813 at the Naval of War on
we left Dublin this morning or rather afternoon, after 3
in our country, being [illegible]
We had a meeting for the young friends
evening which was well attended by them and some
ones also: it was satisfactory but not fully relieving
owing in part we thought to the late hour — which was
o'clock: many not dining till between five and
it was concluded that it would not ~~well~~ be suitably
shortened us for time, it becoming dark or nearly
before we felt quite ready to leave: however we
wished to do our best, and in that felt a degree of
satisfaction, but the late hours into which friends have
in conformity to the general custom of the place are
much to be lamented: it is almost wasting half the d
many dont breakfast till 10 o'clock and ~~get dinner~~
get to business until half after at five or six they
to dinner and give up for the rest of the day; indeed

From my Journal 1813 Magullow Qu Meeting
We dined this day at James Christies one of
the seceders; but his mother who lives with him
and his children are members: he was formerly
a seceder, but, being intimate with James
Clibborn, John Harvey and some others of that
description, he was led away with them: it is be-
lieved he has a strong attachment to the Society
and sees that he has erred but does not like
the humiliation of returning again: his conduct
as a man, is amiable, very liberal to the poor
and kind to his friends. It is said that, at this time
he has provided 24 beds for his friends, and accomm-
dates many of the poor as well as the rich
the Richardsons of ~~Dr~~ Lisburn and Sarah
Grubb were there.

slept after sitting awhile in silence, so that he took some time waking; and then one of us said a little to him by way of caution against giving way to this propensity in meetings which he confessed he was addicted to." [went] to Saint Bentley's, ~~a~~ nice friends I think; and bring their children up very consistently indeed: we admired the children eight in number; they reminded me of my own." From No 7 [Commencing Letter 3rd finished from letter No 8] the following remark is extracted in reference to the journal father kept of her proceedings: (see long Folio. in rough calf.) "Don't make my journal too short: perhaps we are in two opposite extremes: remember, between two opposite extremes moderation lies." From No 8 At J. C. Wakefield's "they have nine nice children, six daughters, two little girls about the size of my Margaret, and I having told them about her, they were desirous of making her some little presents; and accordingly one gave me a little pincushion and the other a thread case: their names are Jane and Charlotte and their little brother Charles about six hearing of it, got the nurse to write a letter for him to her which is sealed up and I have it in my pocket: tell my Margaret she is to be a good girl and deserve these nice presents against I return home: I read the little girls my Thomas's letter to them and they were pleased with it." Bullinday prep. meeting

18 Reminiscences. "6/29/13 "We lodge at Jacob Martin's
he and his wife nice friends, and have a fine family
the men whose appearance shows that they have had careful
the tran parents."

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Extract from No 9 written at Ballitore 6/23/1813

"In sister Elizabeth's letter she mentions thy going to Stockton to attend the monthly meeting with Solomon Chapman. It was very grateful to me to hear this. I was greatly pleased, because I hoped it would do thee good, and revive thee, getting out amongst thy friends and now I hope our dear brother and sister Moreton have got home again who will be company for thee and comfort thee: how earnestly do I long for thy comfort my precious husband! and how nearly is thy happiness connected with mine, even when we are separated! If I can only believe thou art comfortable and enjoyest thyself at home, Oh! how does it cheer and gladden mine heart! tell me, when thou writest again, how thou feelest particularly; and whether thou enjoyest thyself among our dear children. I long to know"

after "both sides" I frequently feel the want of thy endearing company, to whom I can open my mind much more freely than to any other: although my dear brother and I are favoured to feel much united in religious service, and also to be comfortable in each other's society, and I account it a privilege to have such a companion who is a help and strength to me, yet it is very different to having my dear kind husband to unbosom myself to: Oh! if I could but administer consolation to thy tried mind, I should be glad: I would be willing to resign much to contribute thereto — tell me very particularly how thou art in thy health and spirits next letter. I think

From No 9

In passing from Kidderminster to Worcester 1813 6/26 "the
friend who drives, Matthew Jenkinson, pointed out to us
by the way, the ruins of a great house; the walls being
pretty perfect, which was burnt by the rebels, the owner
and several [others] being killed at the same time, and
his wife and children left the country: it is in a very
fine situation; a deal of wood about it

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the men and women having been called together again after
the transaction of their separate business, at the request of
W Forster, he was enabled to give excellent counsel on the
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Extract from No 9 written at Baltimore 6/28/1813

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we have got forward rather expeditiously since leaving Dublin. I should be sorry to spend one day unnecessarily absent from my dear family, whom I frequently visit with much pleasure: I enjoy thee now while I am absent; and am thankful that I have so precious a companion." here follows "Decem[illegible] After the word "glad" "To day I received a lett[illegible] from E. Bludwick, by which it appears she got to London: but says her complaint still continues. I am afraid she is hastening towards her end and will be much missed." here follows "tele[illegible]

We have two young men guides, John Freeman of Dublin who sets us to Mossallow, and Willis Boardman of Grange meeting, grandson of the later Thomas Green's who are both kindly attentive to us and intend continuing with us as far as Innisconty."

no 10 Name Richard Goodbody of Mountmellick
ick, "he" says Eli. "had lived several years
with uncle Pease, and knew our late dear
Father, uncle Backhouse's and many other
friends: and expressed great respect for them
and was much pleased with having an op
portunity of enquiring about them".

Moat 7th mo 7 1813 "There are some valuable friends in this meeting, but upon the whole, it seems a poor one: James Clibborn attends pretty ~~regularly~~ constantly and, it is hoped, is likely to come back; he seems to have quite lost friends. Looked an copy after dinner, in which brother had something to express, and I was led to supplicate on his account.

Passing through Athlone we says "It is a large ancient town the principal depot of armourers in the nation; here is a large fortification, and many of the military stationed here".

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Extract from No 10 Begun 7th day morng 7 mo 3rd 1843

"I finished my letter yesterday morning at Carlow, and sent it off so hastily uncorrected and without even reading over that I am afraid it would not be satisfactory: — a deal of writing to little purpose. I'm but a poor scribe at best as thou well knowest: and when only I have time to sit down and write a little hastily now and then, it is not to be wondered considering all things, if they should be incoherent: but thou must try to be satisfied with thy ~~poor~~ wife, as she is; a poor unworthy creature, and not expecting more fruit than the tree is capable of producing"

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posted at Lincoln after the Spring Quarterly meeting "by
"without date." Please tell my dear little Margaret
"I have brought her silver thimble away out of mistake
"and Betsey will find Thomas's stockings unfinished
"in my bag which I would have her get somebody to
"finish, and some apples in the Cellar I forgot to
"tell her of that she must not let spoil; and tell
"my dear boys that their cousins at Gainsborough
"were much pleased with their letters; also Abigail
"and Mary with their pincushions: ~~give my very dear~~
"~~love to all my~~ From No 2" "Tis a pity but thou had
"a wife whom thou could trust these things to without
"fear, poor man! but however, as I've sometimes
"told thee, thou must make the best of her and pitty
"her weaknesses".

From No 4 — begun 20 of 6 mo." Then came on to Gains-
"borough (John Burt with us) — and here I met with my
"dear husband's letter which I had felt anxious to see
"I have read it over and over again, and felt comforted
"with it as well as tried and dipped into very near
"sympathy with thee my dear. I am pleased to [find]
"thou went going to the mill with the dear children. Thos
"and Margaret will be nicely out of the way awhile:

"tis truly consoling to me to find that thou art so
"favoured and supported with best assistance now in
"my absence: I feel thankful for the same, and de-
"sire that, through the abundant mercy and good-
"ness of our Heavenly Father, it may be continued
"and that we may each of us be so preserved in our pro-
"per allotments, as that, when we meet, it may be
"with comfort." In no 5 Under date 5 mo 2nd She writes "On
"reading over a part of this which I wrote last evening I
"find it sadly blundered and badly indited; but thou
"must excuse this, as our men friends were talking,
"and I was somewhat interested therein, so that I
"found writing difficult; indeed I was rather sur-
"prised my dear husband was so much pleased
"with my imperfect accounts which I transmit from
"time to time: I know he can do a great deal better
"but he must endeavour to make the best he can of
"his poor wife now he has got her, especially as she
"is not so blind to her own weakness as to pre-
"vent her from giving him greatly the superiority
"and feels desirous of making him grateful return
"for all his kindnesses and in the main, to be a
"good wife, though perhaps not in all cases so good
"as he deserves: but she does feel desirous of improving and ma
kind a better wife".

1811 she says, respecting the prospect of a change of circum-
5 Mo 8 "It is great consolation indeed to me to reflect,
"on thy care and caution on thy account, desire to be found
"in thy right place; so I do desire, my dear! that
"thou will take courage, and not let down thy spirits
"too much, and then I hope thou will do very well
"— it has come very near me leaving thee thus
"in thy troubles; for I do wish to share with thee, as
"far as I can, in all thy troubles and exercises; yea,
"if I could, I would like to bear all thy troubles and
"my own too, rather than thy spirits should be over-
"done." — 10th "In reply to my dear children wishing to have
~~for the~~ their mother back, may tell them that I
"intend to return as soon as I can comfortably:
"that it is not pleasant to me but quite otherwise
"to be thus separated from them: that I hope they
"will endeavour to make the best of their time now
"that they have the privilege of attending Josh Sams's
"school: I have no doubt but that dear T & M
"will enjoy themselves at the mile." L.

6 Mo 3 P.M. 4 Reading } "We have been favoured to get along comfort-
"ably: we stopped at Cranfis Mill and breakfasted;
"after which we separated and let the men take the
"reins of both chaises, which they seemed better satis-
"fied with, and acknowledged afterwards that they were

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~~but satisfied~~ assumed the first stage for us two "women to ride together after them; and we were "also entertained with some curious remarks made "on our mode of travelling by those we met." Same letter "Oh mayest thou, my dear love! be pre-"served in the patience and from getting too low is "and has been the earnest desire of my heart this day: "I beseech thee strive against such extreme depression "and take all the care thou canst of thy dear self "and of thy health for the sake of thy poor wife and fam-"ily." — "I hope we are not forsaken and this I believe "thou will assent to, and what an unspeakable "favour to have this belief raised in our hearts ~~that~~ "at seasons even in the midst of discouragements, "to have a hope begotten that we are under the notice "of Him who careth for the sparrows, and who num-"bereth the very hairs of our head." Same letter [Elias Smith man] "In him I am very agreeably surprised and "disappointed, having heard little respecting him "except some ludicrous tales related by John Willis-"son, from which I had formed an oddish opinion "of him; but find him, so far, to be a kind agreeable "friend and hope rightly called minister. I don't ap-"prove of such friends being represented in such a

1811 letter 3 cont, Reading

"way to strangers: I think there may be a danger of
"taking from the weight of their services thereby."
"2d day morning. Set forward for Norwich where we
"arrived about two o'clock at Joseph Gurney's: he
"was gone to see his brother Richard's who continues to decline
"his wife and daughters gave us a very kind reception
"although, at first, going to such an elegant house
"was not very congenial to my feelings, yet, on being
"more acquainted, it feels more pleasant being there
"I think Joseph a nice friend, and his wife I suppose
"much on the improve: indeed she is much more
"plain and friendly than I expected; but, to be sure,
"I have thought it very surprising that cousin Jona-
"than could muster courage to address their daughter,
"their manner of living being so exceedingly different,
"keeping ~~their~~ several carriages, two men to wait at
"table, a many women servants: an elegant house
"situated in a nice pleasure ground: 'tis indeed
"a very fine situation; very different to Blackwell
"however Jane sends them favourable accounts
"of their liking it: but I do wish Joseph and his wife
"may not think of visiting them until their house
"is finished."

Her sister and bride's maid, afterwards the wife of Thos Pease

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Extract from No 18 Lynn Pa Mo 7 mo 8. "I am
"glad to find hear that thou hast got safe
"with Hannah Backhouse on behalf of the poor"
From No 11 fm Needham 7 mo 17 "And now, respec-
"ting business, I think I don't feel any serious ob-
"jection to our going to Sunderland and commencing
"the porter business there; there does not appear to
"be much risk in making trial, as soon as thou
"hast ascertained whether it is likely or not to enter
"into it in the way proposed write to me; and ~~tho~~
"although I am such a poor thing, and not
"that assistance to him which he expects yet I feel
"with him and for him at times inexpressibly, and
"would willingly endure much suffering if it might
"be a means to relieve him; for I can truly say
"that I had much rather be afflicted myself, ei-
"ther in body or mind, than have him so."

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respecting her my cousin Wm Robson wrote the as follows.

"Scarce twelve moons had passed over his head
"Since Henry led with glee
"To Hymen's shrine his dearest friend
"And bade all sorrow flee:—
"A child-bed fever rapidly
"Wh Jane did waste away
"And soon the messenger of death
"Did claim her for his prey!"

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Extract from No 12 7th 18 commencing at Needham,

"7th day 1 o'clock we have just got thus far. Ipswich;
"are at Dykes Alexander's; and as his wife is
"in the country on account of her health, and
"does not intend returning until evening we are
"going to dine at Richard Dykes's his son who
"married a daughter of Willm Dillwyn's, and live
"close by: they are very nice young folks: she has,
"for awhile back, appeared in the ministry;
"yesterday we spent in the society of our dear frds
"and, in the evening, took a long walk into Sam-
"uel's Plantations and gardens at a distance
"from his house; we enjoyed it much, and I got
"a plentiful ~~supply~~ feast of fruit." Respecting
Rachel Gurney [the widow of R. G. whose funeral
they had just attended] E. Robson writes as follows
"This morning we went to breakfast with H. Hull and
"Saml Alexander at Keswick with R. Gurney's widow
"after breakfast, we had an opportunity with
"those present, viz the widow, two of her daughters, a
"niece and two or three of her brothers, most of them
"very gay and not at all like friends. — Rachel
"Gurney the widow seemed in a very quiet pleasant dispos-
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"time. I believe she feels the loss of an affectionate hus-
"band deeply but patiently: she walked with us into
"their plantation after the opportunity, and then
"sent their carriage with us to the next places; ~~& that~~
"this took up a good deal of ~~time~~ the morning; so
"that we only paid five visits." In the prospect of
returning from Norfolk she writes "I don't know yet of
"any other mode of returning but the coach: I must
"endeavour to rest a day or two on the road. I don't know
"~~yet of any~~ but I shall have quite money enough: in
"deed I expect I shall have more than I shall expend;
"but as I don't know what may happen on the road, and
"I a long way from home, it would relieve my fears
"in this respect if thou would send me two pound
"notes. I have my health better than I could expect."
letter 26th commences.
"On 7th day we sat with Henrietta Gurney a nice friend
"cousin to Joseph: and as I thought bleeding would
"be of use to me enable to bear travelling better &c. and relieve
"me from the dull heavy kind of head-ach which I had
"been rather subject to, we went to Mary Martin's, a
"widow and I was bled which I bore better than I
"ever recollect doing before, without being much faint or
"sick. We rested the remainder of the morning and after
"tea had three sittings which I bore pretty well."

1812 3rd Month Journey to Birmingham Letter 3

"— we did not get to Derby until between five and six o'clock; yet we thought of venturing on to Buxton without stopping in Derby having baited our horses a few miles on the other side with that views; and meeting accidentally with a man by the road side as we entered the town we asked him the best way through: he used the plain language to us (although not at all plain in his dress) which we rather looked upon as intending to accommodate us he, however, told us he was afraid the waters would be out, and there were several friends in Derby and quite recommended our stay. We, however, were both very unwilling to give up our plan of reaching Buxton that night fearing, if we staid in Derby, we should not get here in time for the meeting last evening; so after he had given us directions which way to proceed out of town we proceeded and, on inquiring of some others, hoped the waters were not much out. — however, after parting from him my attention was so arrested respecting him that I could not put it by though I endeavoured [to do so] and the further we went the more uneasy I got to be, and when we had got about a mile and a half

1812 3d month letter 3 cont. extracts. journey & arrival at Burn

off, on telling brother Isaac how it was with me, we agreed to turn back, went to an inn and sent for Christopher Gray a nice friend of the place who soon came to us: we described the man to him, and after a while he made him out; —said he had attended their meeting some time, was by trade a tailor, and thought, as our asking him how far it would be proper our sending for him, that it would not be at all unsuitable, and went and fetched him, when we soon got into silence, a good deal was expressed by both of us, and it proved a comfortable opportunity: they both spent the evening with us, and we were glad we had returned."

From no 3 "S and R Lloyd are truly kind and affectionate, and they have some very nice children; their eldest son George is an agreeable young man, and so kind and pleasant with his younger brothers that S admires it." "My paper is nearly at an end and I must conclude, as I feel such a flow of affection for my dear husband that I love to impart whatever will be likely to prove a comfort to him, and in endeared love to thee I bid thee farewell thy affect. E R"

From letter 4 6th day 4 mo 3rd "Have been in the country and only had four [sittings] yet. is at two places in our way to

Extract from letter to cousin Birmingham

Rachel Lloyd's (Sampson's widow, and mother to Samuel) — she was very kind, and we had upon the whole an agreeable visit: many humiliating circumstances have of late occurred tending to humble this rich family, and, I hope, had a very profitable effect on different branches we have sate with two of the widows of Charles Lloyd's sons; one of them a very mournful one; the other seems to feel it deeply but patiently: and I hope a visitation is mercifully extended if she only join in with it. One of these has three small children; the other four, both widows dressed in deep mourning: another son has been in so debilitated a state as to make his recovery doubtful and Caroline, whom we saw at Kendal, died about the same time as her brother did: so that it has been an awakening time to them". — "I confess I had rather have gone elsewhere than to Nick's Waterhouses of Liverpool. George Jones recommended Thos Thompson's which I should have preferred. I am ready to shrink at the very thought of going into such a large ~~fa~~ gay family as Nel's." "Say how John Stead is: for his friends here are anxious to know and make frequent inquiries." "I know my love! thou art not likely to have much time for

1842 Extract from letter 4 cont Birmingham

writing on 2nd day evening; but as I have risen earlier than I should otherwise have done, being weary, so perhaps thou mayst sit up half an hour to write me on 2nd day night." &c.

No 5, commencing "We parted with" & No 12, James Baker; and George Robinson went with us to Wm Masters: — he lives about two miles from Stafford, where we spent an agreeable evening; and, after an early dinner, left his hospitable house and came on to Newcastle under Lyme" "It has felt very trying to me to hear of our dear Father's increasing weakness: hope by this time, thou hast got to see him: I have thought a great deal about thee, my dear love! on this occasion, and hope thou wouldst feel supported to bear it better than thou anticipated. 6th day morning Knutsford — I had a tolerable night but was rather prevented from sleeping from anxiety about my dear husband whose welfare is so near my heart that every thing which I know affects him affects me also; and I am also under the trying apprehension that when I get to Liverpool I shall receive the account of our dear Father's dissolution." "— and oh! if I could but have my beloved husband comfortable, and able to enjoy himself with his sweet children, it would help up my spirits very much. I can truly say

Extracts from letter 5 ~~the~~ printed at Liverpool.
1812
that when ability is given, I am very earnest in my supplications on thy account that thou mayst be helped through thy present trials and all thy afflictions sanctified to thee: I hope we need not lament much on our dear Father's account, for I humbly hope his end will be a good one; and I beseech thee, my love! keep up thy spirits and don't anticipate the worst. — We were not three weeks at Birmingham; it wanted three weeks thereof observe; and we paid, I suppose, 100 visits."
Liverpool probably 6 mo 14 "R. Waterhouse shewed me a letter from my dear husband with which I was much pleased, to find thou hadst got to Darlington especially, and I hope thou hast felt it a less trial than thou expected".
"5th day. We have been at the marriage of a young man named Wood to a daughter of John Dancocks; it was silent as to ministry except a friend named Binns (Abraham Binns's wife) who addressed the parties in a few words." "It is like an old tale told over again just to say I feel nearly with and for thee in thy or our trials; but perhaps it may not hurt thee to revive it again: for my comfort every way seems so much interwoven with thine, that I do think, could I make a transfer of all the comfort

1812 Feb. from No 5 and Liverpool.

Singing (except the feeling at times of sweet peace like a little approbation after arduous labour) to thee I would willingly do it if I might in return know that thou art comfortable and enjoying thyself. I am frequently, as ability is afforded bowed in spirit before the Father of mercies on thy account, that things may so turn as that thou mayst be favoured to feel thy mind more at liberty from anxiety about providing for thy family. No 6 A 4 dose To day we dined at Thos Thompson's: he has got a new wife: we spent rather a longer ~~time~~ ~~of~~ vacation than usual between dinner and tea looking at his books of which he has got a great variety: he, kind man! had procured for me one of Ashbridge's journals, having heard me ask for it last year in Darton's shop: at the conclusion — her husband Aaron Ashbridge gives a short account of their being united in marriage; and says "sufficiently convinced that her Lord and Master called for her services abroad, my heart was made willing to give up the darling object of its love." — It seems thou requires me to make an apology for my late silence I expected we should have left Birmingham rather sooner than we did; and thought thou wouldst, of course, wish to know whether brother Isaac was likely

1812 Extract from Do to Liverpool and

to continue with me or not, and what kind of reception we met with at our quarters: and we were so very fully occupied that unless I had risen earlier than suited me in a morning I scarcely could write without taking the bit of time after supper, say about an hour; for it was frequently after nine before we arrived at Sam Lloyd's and it would have appeared unkind not to have spent a bit of time with them in an evening: and Rachel, kind woman! used to see me into bed every night, and I've written many more words to thee than thou hast to me; so thou hast no cause to complain of that: and I generally send my love to some of my friends; and how it should be that my dear husband should have conceived such a hatred towards his wife and friends, as to have no love left for them, seems strange: however I know they have love for him, and so when many kind enquiries after him: "We see many descriptions of friends here: one morning lately we visited William Rathbone's widow son and daughter in a spacious mansion about three miles from town; were conveyed in style in Nell's coach; they received us kindly; but alas! little else! scarce a vestige but the name of quaker

1812 Extracts from no 6 Liverpool cont. Letter 4/21

'tis lamentable to behold what harm riches do in our society: if parents don't suffer much themselves, the children generally take the wing: we have sat with Robert Benson's son Robert, who is lately married, in a great gaily furnished house, and he has not the appearance of a friend his wife gay also; — a grand daughter of a worthy friend named Dilworth of Lancaster; how much better is it to be poor than thus rich and great soaring above the simplicity of the truth." "John Crewdson and his wife are here and desire us to take up our quarters which we think of doing if we go together which seems most likely: brother is a truly kind helper and sympathizer." "We were near the Iron Mines yesterday and were pleased with the sight, and this morning upstairs at Mrs through a telescope, saw the points of land projecting into the sea in Carnarvonshire and out of a dressing room adjoining the room in which I do lie, I can see the sea and ships." "Am pleased Father is a little better, which account I had from sister Mainsey a few days since." "1st day morning letter 4 Mo 26 1812

"I received my dear husband's particularly kind and acceptable letter: the one before had made a wound; but

1812 Extract from No 7 Liverpool 1st day morning 4/26

"this was plaster big enough: indeed the comfortable disposition it evinced thro ~~to raise~~ written in consoled me greatly, and I have read it over and over, whereas I could scarcely bear to give the former one a second reading: if thou getst into more employ (which I hope will be the case as the spring and summer puts in) thy spirits will, I believe, be better, but thy situation is almost always before me whether thou expresses it or not: my mind is by no means separated from it by absence; but when I can ~~find~~, by thy letters, find that thy poor dear mind is comforted, it is a great consolation to me." "G Binns's have also ~~daughter~~ a little daughter nearly as big as our Margaret, named Eliza" "I generally feel so weary at night and so unwilling to leave my bed in a morning in consequence, that I can but seldom manage to get any thing written before breakfast, and it is difficult getting opportunities for writing at other times and should not have been so long in replying to thine"

"Tell sister Betsey I'm much obliged for her kind letter, although the subject [of T R Sen's decease] was a very mournful one to me, and it feels more trying to be so far separated; am glad, however, to find sister Margt turns up so nicely

1812 Extracts from N.Y. Liverpool 10th 5mo 2nd
she requires our near sympathy and she has
mine." — 5mo 5 Letter 8 "I am glad my dear
John has begun to learn Latin: tell him I hope
he will endeavour to learn as fast as he can, and get
to be as good a scholar as his brothers. I am also pleased
with the account thou gives of our dear Father's
funeral": From 5/15 Manchester letter 9 "I am afraid
thou will think me very long in writing thee, and,
had I not had to write [a letter] to Rachel Lloyd and another
to her cousin a widow Hannah Lloyd whom we
visited and I had remained to feel so much
interested about, that I felt bed satisfied to write
her and inclose in one to Rachel Lloyd, which
I sent by Dillwyn Crewdson who was here last
week on his way to London: we spent one evening
with him at his brother Thomas's."
1813 Dublin 4/26 "4 o'clock Second day; at Robert
Fayle's a young widower and brother of Thomas's where
we have dined." In allusion to a letter from J.R. she
says "after some apparently cheering information" "But it is
high time for me to acknowledge the receipt of thy
truly acceptable and consoling letter which came on
2nd day evening: the good account thou gives also
of the dear children is cheering to me: but above

Dublin 4/28 4th day 1813

all, they mind being so comfortably supported calls for humble gratitude from me": Of one of her kind companions on her Norfolk & Suffolk journey she thus writes "Thou hast, perhaps, heard of the decease of John Head of Ipswich which was very sudden: he had been out late at a Bible Meeting, and went to bed about 12 o'clock, requesting to have his blister dressed about 8 next morning (it seems he had been a little out of health;) but when they went in the morning, they believed he had been gone some hours! — appeared to have been sick, and reached the bason and died with it grasped in his hand: he will be much missed": See Memoirs" The letter from which these extracts are made is on a sheet of foot, written curiously close, and some what difficult to decipher, especially as the ink has partially faded. She says under date 5 mo 1st "I shall hope, very soon, to hear from thee again, and also should be much pleased with letters from my dear boys Th. & J. and when thou writest after the receipt of this, mention whether thou wishest me to write thee oftener than once in two weeks. I thought, at this great distance, perhaps that would be often enough. I intend my next to be on larger paper than this:

Dublin 5 mo 1 1813

"and not quite so much muddled as this. I'm afraid thou will be hardly able to make it out.— — I am much afraid this letter will not by far answer thy expectation, but I have endeavoured to do my best and thou must excuse what is wanting" 5 Mo 3 (On a ~~large~~ sheet of foolscap) "I have just rec. thy truly acceptable letter which has helped to cheer and revive me. and if my dear ~~letters~~ husband was to write his letters at 2 or 3 times and more copious than the last with respect to my dear children and himself it would be still more acceptable. any little anecdote almost is acceptable to me at this distance, where I can know nothing of my dear family left behind ~~through the medium~~ but what is conveyed by letter. perhaps I may, ere long, be gratified by an addition from my dear boys on a large sheet; I should like them not to be at all straitened in writing to their mother, but to write freely and tell me any thing that interests them, and I am no doubt but it will also interest me." Speaking of Margaret she says "I hope her cousins and her tutor take care not to walk in dangerous places when they go out; and I should like her to be orderly about her clothes and wear her best frocks first." 8th 8 ~~Speaking of the Fosters~~ Ballinacree 10 Mo 15. ~~Home~~ "It was very trying to us being entertained at James Hunter's although he seemed kind and attentive to our wants, yet

Bahmaw 6/15 1813 continued

there was something so unpleasant in his company that we were glad to leave his house: he did not attend the meeting, although it was held in his premises, nor I suppose, ever does: but after dinner he then I saw had something to say which, I suppose, was for him. we were apprehensive he took too much of his liquor which we afterwards heard, was the case: indeed, we need not wonder at such falling into immoral conduct."

At Birmingham she writes "Give my dear love to my Margaret, and tell her I was pleased with her letter although it was not very well wrote: I had been wishing to hear how the dear children spent their time during the vacation, and I am pleased to hear they spent it pleasantly, and, I hope, not altogether unprofitably. I think [Margaret] is embracing as many branches of learning as is profitable at once for her; if she only be attentive and learn them well and behave well, I hope to see her much improved. I suppose my Henry would be in the shop and perhaps engaged in writing and sometimes reading. I hope my Isaac does not spend too much time about drawing and trifles, but frequently reads good books to improve his mind: and tell my John I hope he does not spend all his time in play, but reads a little: I should be glad to find that he had got to be fond of reading when I return. And tell my Thomas I love to hear of his being clearly

Bin 7 Hw 9 and Extract from No 10

"and in good spirits, but he must not be mischievous, but
"a tractable good little boy: I seem as though I could
"look at you all at home, my dear children! you
are very sweetly brought to my remembrance while I
am now writing! I long that you may all be truly
good, love one another, and give your dear father as
little trouble as you possibly can; never grieve him if
you can help it, and then I know you will be a great
comfort to him: you are greatly indebted to him for
his care and kindness: few children have so good a
father: then may you be very grateful, dear chil-
dren for the favours you enjoy!" In near affection
and with sincere desires for your welfare I bid you
farewell. Your affectionate Mother E Robson"
Twill contains an allusion to the "Cardis," who, meeting
on the road between Mont and Ballimeny insulted,
in the right on the road, such as they disliked: theaten
ing the use of the instrument of torture called a card
applied to the bare back similar, in some respects to a
woolcard: a number of nails are driven through a
piece of wood and the sharp points applied to the back.
sending "threatening letters to such as displeased them."
"It is thought that most of the loose characters in the
neighbourhood of Ballimeny & Athlone and Mont are
sworn in by them". I cut down the stipends of the priests
seems the chief object

the conclusion that the visit was not to be commenced I told them that I considered I was persecuted, and that I suffered for Righteousness sake. Roger who had before smeringly said he was more than willing to take my burden on himself, then replied "Then thou must shake the dust off thy feet". I told him that I was prevented from proceeding in a visit to the families because I preached the ancient doctrines of Christianity as set forth in the Scriptures of Truth; and the doctrines of our Society; to which he scoffingly replied that it would not do for one minister to preach one thing, and another minister another kind of doctrine: that would cause confusion, and that they must be stopped.

Roll also name the particular of Bishop Hallock of Philadelphia as a change minister, who at that time, attended meeting at Germantown, and spoke in a light manner of Christianity in a light manner, saying that he was as good as the Bishop, and was in a comfortable state of mind. Shame on the Presbyterian Bishop! — an assumed fact to be left to the Christian state. Bishop Hallock is highly honored as a true christian minister. It is likely that made and was he doubted.

* From No 9 commenced 6th Mo 21 at Ballibrought.

After dining at our quarters, [James Thompson's of Coot Hill] we went about a mile to take tea with a friend named Mary Mitten and her five daughters: her husband died a few years since and left her in debt, which, I suppose, she has since, through her industry and economy, paid off, besides bringing up her children commendably. James Thompson, and wife and another friend went with us: after tea we had an opportunity with them, and returned to Coot Hill."

Frontenac (Falls) where we are going to dine at a tolerable but the Inns in this country are greatly inferior to ours in England: after we left the last, where we took a second breakfast of good Coffee, hot cake and eggs one of our guides told us they only charged nine pence each; this reminds us of old times; but in general I believe they charge as high as in our country, from what we occasionally hear our guides don't let us pay or see the bill either."

Wednesday "A friend of the writing house gave me two letters from my dear sisters Anne Mearnsy and Margaret Robson, which were very comfortable, and helped to revive me: it is a strength to me to believe that I have and receive tokens of the sympathy of my near connexions and friends. I also received a kind letter from our poor brother Nathan lately.

6d vide Journal

Henry Robson's MS

acc of the death of his beloved mother Elizabeth Robson of Liverpool

also various accs of her

12 Month 1st Assisted my dear Mother to get some packages out of the back room closet for her approaching journey, and she used some unusually affectionate expressions relative to the little services I have cheerfully rendered her, as, indeed, in duty bound. Went an errand for her to B Sills as well as to A. Manson's. After dinner she lay down as usual to take her rest, intending to go to tea at George Crosfield's to meet A A Jenkins, and attend the Sailors' Meeting; and purposed to proceed with her to Manchester and West Haughton tomorrow my father accompanying her. I was sitting in the back parlour where we had dined on hare &c. of which my beloved Mother ate heartily; and when perhaps a couple of hours had elapsed, a scene occurred which I shall never forget. I heard a faint yet earnest call for me: Father too heard it, and we rushed up stairs: when what was ~~our~~ my surprise to find my beloved Mother lying on the floor, supporting the upper part of her person against the corner of the bed. Attempting to place her on a chair was difficult: my dear Father came to my aid: we got such assistance as was at hand, and I went for Benjamin Jonson the surgeon & to whom she expressed a hope that I should go in her "mind and be there in good time"

6d who happily, soon came; I found dear Mother in bed in a state of partial unconsciousness surrounded by Margaret Binns Elizabeth George Thompson, and Isabella Thompson. The case seems one of paralysis; and therefore after tea I proceeded to Manchester by the half past 7 train to bring W.H.M.; arriving at Plymouth Grove a little after 9. Sister was, of course, greatly perturbated with the news I gave her, and, after arranging for the information of aunt Stephenson and brother Thomas, we decided on coming by the half past 3 train in the morning.

12th 1st Started and arrived as intended. Found my beloved Mother little restored; and unable even to recognize sister Margaret. As the day advanced we hoped we perceived an increase of consciousness; and I wrote sister C. (in addition to J. T.'s letter) brothers Isaac, John and Thomas summary accounts of the circumstances. The Doctors (we had called in Dr Williams) do not see much improvement since morning.

3rd Rose refreshed after a little sleep and, as I passed, looked into my beloved Mother's chamber she was, I am glad to record, more conscious than I had seen her since

the attack. She said she knew me, and I asked what was my name? to which she at once replied somewhat faulteringly "Henry Robson". The bowels not having acted freely after the enormous ~~attack~~ amount of physic given, was an alarming symptom. I went to B. Tunson's and accompanied him and Williams here, who pronounced the improvem in consciousness a decidedly favourable symptom. — Things look decidedly a little brighter. Read to father and brother Wilson a little in my dear mother's favorite ~~book~~ volume "Early Friends". In the course of the forenoon, we sate for a while in solemn silence, viz. Father, J. Hadwen, W Crewdson and myself: which was somewhat strengthening to our spirits: and J. H. addressed us exhorting us to look to Him in whom are the issues of life and death, and who compassionates our infirmities and sorrows; and to endeavour after a capacity to say "Thy will be done". [Making] these memoranda I was comforted to observe that that fourth day week contains a particular allusion to my dear Mother's service on that day. Many friends called after meeting to enquire after my beloved Mother

and the messages have also been numerous; the kind feeling of friends together with their useful and indefatigable services in this hour of need are truly comforting. The Doctor, about four o'clock, dashed our hopes by expressing his fears of an effusion; and I therefore wrote less hopefully to our [distant relatives] than I hoped to have done. — Brother Joe arrived

4th A day of more comfort: mother seemed finely again this morning: and towards evening the doctors pronounced the symptoms a little more favorable: though upon the whole I did not think we were authorized to write much more favorably to our dear relatives. — but better appearances afterwards presented themselves which greatly cheered us. Brother Thomas arrived to day

5 The report of the doctors this morning was so much more favorable that we were greatly encouraged. Sister Elizabeth, who did not receive my letter till yesterday afternoon, arrived at our house this morning — greatly to our comfort. — Coming home, however, [after a walk with J. & T. in the town] I was again disheartened to find that the pulse had risen to an ena-

mons pitch; this, however, was reduced by the administration of nutriment in the shape of Beef-Tea, to its former state; and, though, in the report of the Doctors, there was nothing cheering, but rather the reverse, and the letter I wrote to brother John was rather a gloomy one, yet before we retired to our quarters at I Hudson's there was clearly an improvement, and a little hope began to break through the dark cloud of despondency and poignant sorrow. Sister Sarah arrived by tea-time and Prof Rachel came afterwards; the former adding a postscript to my letter to him, announcing to my nephews JJ their arrival. I waited the report of the Doctors which was "No improvement." Sister R. anticipated from the appearance of mother which she thought resembled that of her late father Jos M. Cross, a fresh attack of the disease. However, these appearances subsided towards the close of the evening; and we still encouraged some hope of, at least, a more protracted tarriance with us of this beloved object of our love: —

b The account of dear Mother is more cheering:

Busy going errands after P Hirst to put up the invalid bed provided for the late Mr Dobbing, to purchase articles to make barley-water, jelly &c. &c. — Towards noon the Surgeon called a second time, and greatly encouraged us. — Evening, Mother was removed to her invalid bed which had an ~~exhaus~~ exhausting effect.

7th This morning on coming from Sc Hadrons [my stockbroker] was glad to find mother had passed a comfortable night, and was still going on favorably. — At meeting — Mary Waterhouse addressed us on the desirableness of not depending on Paul or Apollos, who can but, as instruments, plant and water, but upon the Lord alone: — Engaged variously during the remainder of the day, running errands for mother's medicines &c. Sitting also occasionally by the bed side. Her state of the bowels alarmed us, especially as the Surgeon and Physician seemed to think seriously of it.

8th Found to my comfort this morning ~~that though~~ my beloved Mother had had a suffering night from the effect of the medicine, yet, to counteract ulceration

this, that the medicine had been sufficiently effective. During the day the low state of our beloved patient excited feelings of anxiety in our breasts; yet these feelings have been greatly relieved this evening by the favorable report of the doctors.

9 On arriving from my quarters after rising early — I found my dear Mother had passed a comfortable night. Yet the medical men report unfavorably on account of the decrease instead of increase of strength, and we begin to despair & fear with ~~too~~ much reason. — I wrote to [relatives at Sundorland ~~and~~ Manchester, including my brother Thomas] in the morning; and, after dinner, finished a letter to W & H Ball, the latter giving a rather more favorable report from the doctors at dinner time. Since my beloved Mother introlerew me, and seemed to receive my attentions intelligently. [E. Wilson taken ill] Evening J. Thompson called; and the physician considered that this day a regular progress has been made.

10th At my arrival this morning from J. Hadwen's, I went into my beloved Mother's room, and found her still much disposed to continue dozing; yet, when

aroused, she was perfectly sensible, and seemed quite interested to hear of her absent friends. I named Sarah Rountree's message of love; also William Allen's emotions on hearing of her illness: and how much the Hudsons are interested about her; which she seemed, while awake for a moment or two, to understand. During the day, increased shortness in the breathing was observable, which was further manifested as the afternoon advanced: and when the doctors came, they recommended nothing but the relief afforded by stimulants; in assisting expectoration: we concluded it best (then, who slept out) to remain in the house, and we, (all nine, besides our beloved father) continued to watch round the bed

11th In the course of the night the breathing, in consequence of the phlegm, became more laborious, and it was painful to witness this, and to hear the sound emitted at every breath, without any means of relief: as exhaustion increased, the sound ceased, and about half past three it intermitted at short intervals, and at length in one long dying painfully audible moan she breathed her last without brought up the phlegm, after which there was one emoul-

sive effort to regain it which was most distressing to our feelings: and my dearly beloved, honored and affectionate Mother was no more!

We all assembled in the parlour after the struggle ceased, and had a quiet sitting, when my brother Isaac supplicated; in a most affecting manner returning thanks for the support extended in this hour of need to our beloved and now bereaved father and that a portion of the Spirit which animated her might rest upon us her children. Brother Thomas, who arrived yesterday morning, was with us all the time. — Edw Wilson died at ½ past 12 last night.

After reading my brother Isaac adverted to the painful struggle we were called upon to witness: and his mental enquiry why it was permitted; and he had been [comforted with the remembrance] that our blessed Lord "cried with a loud voice and gave up the ghost."

The remains of my beloved Mother look very sweet and placid even in death.

13 th 4 to Letters of condolence have been received from various absent friends to myself — and to my dear

Father who is sweetly supported under his deep afflictions by better than human comfort, from George Richards so most excellent, aunt Robson very beautiful & Thomas Hodgson.

16 This day arrived my aunt Margaret Richards Thos Mounts and his sister Mary; dear Aunt! — son who was with us a few (weeks) (months) since and whose company we then, in conjunction with my beloved Mother, greatly enjoyed. In the course of the day several other friends Mary E Backhouse and her son Edw: H.C. Backhouse and her daughter ~~Hann~~ Jane (at J Hadwen's) Wm Ball, Edw Pease Jun. arrived to attend the obsequies of my beloved Mother tomorrow. B & E Seebohm, James Backhouse, the Midgleys, Susanna Hewitt John Ashworth and his wife (Wrightman), in addition to my brothers Isaac & W.C. aunt S. and cousin Sarah Rountree.

17 The morning of the Funeral, — (all the near relations) met, after breakfast, round the Coffin containing the mortal remains of my precious Mother and at about half past nine it was removed; and we followed in the procession in coaches prepared for the purpose. The placing the coffin in the vault,

~~[illegible]~~ receptacle was not unattended with difficulty from its too great narrowness. [The meeting was first addressed by Wm Wainman and James Backhouse: the latter began with the words "Gathered, as a sheaf of corn fully ripe into the Heavenly garner"] H. C. Backhouse then appeared in sweet and solemn supplication, returning thanks for those precious gifts which were so eminently bestowed upon the beloved one whose remains had just been committed to the silent dust; and praying for a succession of gospel labourers in the Church from generation to generation. She also addressed the meeting in further exultation of that blessed Grace which had made her what she was in her day: and expatiating on that glorious crown of her labours now, in full season, bestowed upon her by her dear Lord and Master. Benjamin Seebohm was powerfully and striking drawn forth in testimony to the ~~[illegible]~~ Truth: he began with the words "God was in Christ ~~[illegible]~~ reconciling the world unto Himself;" and dwelt, in a very remarkable manner, on errors in faith, addressing

Nov 17 cont } such as had slidden into ~~[illegible]~~ unbelief in the doctrines connected with the atonement and mediation of the Saviour. He was entirely ignorant of the presence of J H C. Cooke. We had a few words from P Green, and the meeting concluded after a sweet and powerful address to the throne of grace through the mouth of Benjamin Seebohm who was evidently much favoured in the services of this day. All the children assembled round the dinner table, including brother Thomas who arrived with Shipley Neave in time for ~~[illegible]~~ meeting in the chamber before the processes started. In the afternoon when J H M Morenay and the Backhouses repaired to meeting, we assembled, at the request of cousin Priscilla Green who addressed the women in an appropriate manner, which seemed to make an impression on the mind of bro. Thomas — At tea-time, (~~before which~~ brother Thos. ~~left us~~ early) we assembled in the vacated room, and, after tea was over, several friends who were in the room below came up to us: amongst them were

dear H.C. Backhouse and her daughter: the number present was fifty one. In the season of religious retirement which succeeded many were the living testimonies borne to the truth of which my deceased parent was a devoted and faithful minister. Silence was first broken by dear Esther Bentham who quoted the words "Even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price;" and remarked that this was eminently the adorning of my dear mother. She quoted the four lines of Montgomery "~~Ye that~~

"Ye that caught it as it fell
Bind the mantle round your breasts
So on you her ~~spirit~~ meekness dwell;
So on you her spirit rest!"

She prayed upon her ~~descendants~~ children, who, who, she believed, had, in a comforting degree, yielded to the operations of Heavenly Grace, a still more complete surrender, which would be found the way, not only to Heavenly but earthly blessings. Cousin H.C. Backhouse addressed our beloved Father most sweetly and encour-

agingly, expressing her belief that floods of consolation had been poured into his spirit, accompanied by an assurance not only of the blessed state at which his beloved partner had attained; but also that, whenever the end of his own pilgrimage should arrive, it would be his lot to unite with her in the regions of everlasting rest and peace. She also addressed us very suitably and instructively exhorting her descendants to walk as she walked who was, indeed, a mother in Israel. Benjamin Seebohm also addressed us instructively, and cousin Priscilla and William Bull added a few words. James Backhouse was in the company and his conversation was most interesting, but silent as to the ministry. Dear B & R Seebohm remained with us at supper, and the day concluded comfortably. It was a day of sorrow, yet mixed with a degree of holy rejoicing in having a glimpse of that "crown of glory" which my beloved Mother, having "fought the good fight and kept the faith" has received from "the just and righteous Judge".

End of extracts from diary
I to XX inclusive.

Extracts from E. R.'s Mss. No I

(See Reminiscences No 1 bottom of page 5.)

To Some persons resident on the Continent, names unknown

at Frankfort Frankfort 8th mo 24 1816

See letters on Continental journey

Dear Friends

Since parting from you, mine heart hath been filled with tender desires for your ~~best~~ welfare, that the pure immortal Seed of life may grow and prosper more and more in each of your hearts: there is a love that is stronger than death: it was this love of our Heavenly Father shed abroad in the heart which enabled some of the first Christians and some also of later times to resign up their ~~lives~~ natural lives in support of their Christian principles; and those in this day who dwell under the influence of this love are, through it, enabled to forsake many things which are dear to the natural part when they are made sensible, by His invisible power in the heart that those things are opposed to His righteous will. I believe there are those amongst you who, if they are obedient according to that which is secretly manifested to them, will experience abundant increase in the

increases which are of God: oh! that there may ~~be~~ none of you be living in the practice of any thing which is obstructing your peace of mind! the Lord is a good Master and a bountiful Rewarder; then let none be afraid or ashamed of clearly evincing to the world that they are the humble followers of a crucified Lord: such as these He will make strong in Him and in the power of His might: for He hath loved us before we loved Him; and the willing and obedient He graciously condescendeth to fill with His Heavenly treasures to the enriching of their souls; — whilst the disobedient and rebellious are to be cast out: then I tenderly exhort some among you more particularly not to fear the reproaches of men, nor regard the revilings of the ungodly; but give unto the Lord glory and strength: give unto Him the praise due unto His name, and He will make these good soldiers in the spiritual warfare, valiant in fight: may the God of love and peace be with each one of you, conduct you safely through time, to the blessed mansions of eternity is the desire of mine heart. Your well wishing friend

Eliz^th Robson —

To Friends belonging to the meeting at Saint Giles's so called.

Dear Friends

My mind was introduced into great exercise on your account whilst with you, and I have, since parting from you, felt much concerned about your situation as a meeting, as well as in your individual capacities: when we consider the uncertainty of every thing here below, and the necessity of witnessing the sanctifying power of Truth to redeem us from too great a love of earthly things, purifying and cleansing our souls, and thus preparing us to partake of the consolations of the Spirit whilst here, and for the blessed inheritance of the just of all generations in the world to come, how ought we to be engaged, above all things, to seek unto Him who hath all power in His hands, and who can bless or blast as He pleaseth, imploring His holy aid in enabling us so to live that we need not be afraid to die, and be willing to submit to His purifying operations lest by the work of sanctification not being performed we should be found wanting in the great day of awful retribution,

and our portion appointed with the slothful servant, who hid his Lord's talent in the earth, who was to be cast into outer darkness where should be weeping and gnashing of teeth: some of you, dear friends! are pretty far advanced in life: how needful for them to endeavour to withdraw from the encumbering cares of the world, and set their minds on Heavenly things; yea, to give all diligence to make their calling and election sure: and seeing there is a day for us all to work out our souls' salvation in, how highly important for all, before the night comes wherein no man can work, both older and younger to be making a good use of their time & their talents, lest they should be summoned before the Judgment Seat of Christ at an unexpected moment, unprepared for the awful change. Thus, as individuals accountable for all our words and actions, how careful ought we to be to walk circumspectly not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time because the days are evil, seeing that the world lieth in wickedness, and the

spirit of it is at enmity with God: and, dear Friends! when I consider your situation as a meeting, believing that those who for ake the forms and ceremonies of worship which appear to be lifeless, aright, both in an individual and collective capacity to evince to the world that their dependence is upon a higher source than outward means and that they are spiritual worshippers: — that, under an awful considera tion of what they owe unto Him who hath our lives and all that we have in His hands, they dare not forsake the assembling of themselves together for the purpose of worshipping Him in Spirit and in Truth even when no words are spoken: how do I long that there may be a revival amongst you, and that you may be encouraged to diligence in the attendance of your meetings both on first and week days; that the spark of life which is still left amongst you may increase that you may hereby become a strength and help one to another; for surely the Lord would help you if a right exercise of spirit prevailed amongst

you when assembled together; for Christ is in the midst of all rightly gathered assemblies and He is the Minister of ministers, and what can we desire more? But I fear many of you have greatly weakened yourselves in religious ~~matters~~ exercise by giving way to a worldly spirit and absenting yourselves from meetings. Ah may then who have been thus forgetful of the Father and Fountain of all good endeavour in future to double their diligence in these respects; that so the hand in the riches of His love and mercy may forgive them, pass by their omissions of duty and through His purifying baptism, cleanse their souls from every earthly stain, and, in the end, receive them into His mansions of rest and peace! thus, dear friends! may you individually consider the great importance of walking circumspectly both as relates to your ourselves, and also to you, as professing to be a spiritually minded people: under the first feeling [of] sincere love and earnest desire for your welfare I bid you farewell. Your friend Rhoda Lyons 20 of 6 mo 1816. For the remainder of the letters to viz one to ~~the~~ Banker at Nimes, one to a poor woman at Lausanne and others one to Professor Pictet's daughter, all in her own hand, See No I

Appendix, consisting of extracts from Elk's Memorandum books Numbered I to XVII.

(to be hereafter embodied in the "memoirs.") N.B. commences a few pages back viz. at 346

Extracts from Ms. No III

commenced on board the* Montezuma 16th of 8th month 1824

"Last fourth day the 11th Inst. in the afternoon I part-
"ed with my sweet little daughters, and embarked on
"board the Montezuma, Capt. Potts Master, bound for
"Philadelphia, my beloved husband, my four ~~sons~~
"dear sons, dear daughter Margaret and dear Fran-
"ces Thompson and some other friends set us as far
"as the Steam Boat went; I then parted with them
"and they with me in great tenderness, having previ-
"ously commended them all with myself to the pro-
"tecting care of a kind and gracious Providence,
"humbly trusting that He who had brought my beloved
"husband and [me] together, and blessed us with
"precious children would see meet after a while, to
"permit us to meet again in peace; but I desire
"not to speak much about my return at present;

* See Reminiscences part 2 page 84

but to endeavour to look steadily into Him who
I trust hath called for this great sacrifice to
be made; and seek for ability to do His will
and not my own — We have had contrary winds
hitherto, and mostly wet weather; but my con-
fidence hath been mercifully placed in Him
who holdeth the deep in the hollow of His hand:
I have also been much tried with sickness; but
this day have been pretty well: on 7th day night
the wind was very high, the sea rough and the
vessel greatly tossed: our situation appeared to
me awful, and I did not incline for a while, to
go to bed; but sat down on a sofa in the after
cabin, endeavouring to pour out my soul to the
Father of Mercies; and was favoured to feel confi-
dence in His power, and inwardly calm; so that I
retired to rest and had some refreshing sleep: to-
wards morning the wind abated a little. This
day afternoon, the 17th. The wind still contrary, which
is a trial of patience; but I desire to profit by every
dispensation of unerring wisdom and that the time
spent in this watery peregrination may be rightly

improved; that my dependance from one day to another may be upon Him who ruleth the winds, and can when He pleaseth bring the vessel into the desired haven.

5th day the 19th The night before last the wind blew very hard and the sea was very tempestuous: it was indeed an awful night; but Divine support was mercifully near to sustain my mind: yet I got very little sleep and was ~~very~~ unwell yesterday in consequence: the wind, also, continued high until evening: I secretly supplicated for a quiet night, and so it proved: the wind lowered and turned in our favour; the motion of our vessel became quite easy and I slept comfortably: my mind being covered with thankfulness. This morning however, it hath pleased Him who ruleth the winds to turn it against us: it is also pretty high and I am not free from sickness; but I desire to possess my soul in patience and to keep my mind staid upon God: we five Cabin passengers have sat down together and read; also paused for a time in silence wherein we have been refreshed to-

gether. Our company in this Cabin is John Kelly an Irishman of about middle age a Roman Catholic by profession, but a very moderate man, being descended from friends, he is quite partial to them and promotes our morning readings. See Rem.ks part 2. p 86

See M.S. No III

7th day the 21st (she writes) in the evening "I have enjoyed much calmness this day, and [have] even been able to enjoy myself on the water, feeling a confidence in His Almighty Power who made the sea and the dry land: I look at my dear family with tender affection, and feel that I can renewedly commit them to the keeping of the Great Shepherd

3rd day morning 24th Latitude x 59° 3′ On first day ~~morning~~ last being desirous of sitting down with the steerage passengers, we intimated it to John Langley who, consulting the rest, they appeared desirous of such a meeting: about 11 o'clock we accordingly went in to the steerage and sat down with those who chose to sit with us; reading a little in the Bible, a time of silence ensued; and after a while I was drawn to address them and then to supplicate for us altogether

x not very clear in the MS.

and I trust it was a refreshing time to several of us: — in the afternoon my mind was filled with an anxious solicitude respecting my dearly beloved family at home — but after a time I felt ability to cast my care upon the Lord, and commit my most beloved earthly treasure to His keeping. See MS No III at sup.

This morning (she continues) we are sliding smoothly along the water with a gentle wind: the vessel having very little motion, the weather is very agreeable to one who am naturally a timorous sailor: yet even in the storm I have had cause to praise the Lord, who can say to the troubled and fearful heart "Peace, be still". — This morning we have been favoured with a comfortable time at reading wherein I had to recommend to a daily seeking to the Source of all-sufficient help, that our present dependent state might be rendered profitable to us.

5th of 9th month Lat. 44°. 24' [On this date after giving an account of a violent storm of about] 48 hours — which in the first part was accompanied with thunder and lightening and truly awful [succeeded by a calm, she remarks] I believe we have a very good ship

and skilful Captain, but my dependence is on the Lord, who made Heaven and Earth, the Seas and the fountains of water. I desire to return thanks to Him for his mercies past and humbly hope for more. On the first night of the above storm the sea broke over the vessel different times, with such force as seemed very awful to me. I rose out of my berth and sate down beside some trunks placed on the floor with my mind gathered inward, and I thought I felt an assurance that the storm would abate at four o'clock: as the watch-bell rang that hour the wind accordingly lowered; which greatly increased my faith in Him that numbereth the hairs of our heads, believing that my prayer was heard and that we should be saved. I went to bed and slept comfortably: the next day, however, the wind became very strong again, but I felt confidence in God. After that we mostly had fine weather, entered the Capes of Delaware on the night of the 28th and were four days in getting up to the city; the wind being contrary,

we had to work up by the tides, and lay at anchor when it receded, but the weather was very fine, and it was pleasant sailing up the river: when we arrived at the Wharf I was kindly met by dear John Warder, Isaac Morris &c. and, having previously engaged to lodge with the former, I went home with him, and was received by dear Ann and entertained with true kindness by all the family. [~~Here follows a~~ ~~sec~~ I staid about two weeks in the City and attended the meetings as they came in course had also publick meetings in Arch Street, Green Street and North Street meetings. When I first entered this land, I was under great exercise of mind, feeling like having the weight of the mountains upon me fear was on every side; but ~~I was consoled~~ on becoming a little acquainted with some friends — I was much consoled in a feeling of near and tender sympathy; and some of us were made very near and dear ~~to~~ in the fellowship of suffering. [Here follows a summary of her proceedings while on this visit to America her first companions June Battle and Solomon Lukens, and her last Ruth City and

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Bartholomew Foster; see MS III]

[The following from the same little book was written onboard the ship Montezuma x of 7mo 1828]

I have spent nearly four years of my life in America, two months and ten days short of completing the four years. This journey was what I had had a prospect of for many years and although the awfulness thereof made me often shrink from it and desire to be excused and try if some other sacrifice might not be accepted instead of thus leaving my beloved husband and children and encountering the dangers of the seas and many other trials; ~~but~~ it appeared clear to my mind that nothing less would do. and, as the time for its accomplishment drew nigh, the prospect, independent of all natural feelings, became increasingly serious: looking at the service of visiting the Churches in America under our name, it appeared too weighty for me more especially as I had some knowledge of the commotions that had got into our society, there owing to unsoundness in the faith — but as I endeavoured

x See Reminiscences, Part 2nd Pa 119

ed to keep quiet, I was mercifully sustained in the prospect, and enabled to give up all into the hands of my great and merciful Creator: — and in that I was strengthened to part from my tenderly beloved husband, committing him and our dear children into the hand of the great Shepherd of Israel — who has, blessed be His holy and adorable name! made good all His gracious promises to me to this very day: from all the accounts I have received from home my precious family has been graciously helped along and cared for, and my precious husband's mind has been sustained and he has got along cheerfully — I have, during my stay in a foreign land, been very solicitous of returning in the right time, have often looked for a release, but the more I looked for it, the faster I felt bound where I was, until my way, without great anxiety on my part, gradually opened, and the prospect settled for returning in the ship which I came in. — As the time of my departure from that country drew nigh I felt that, as it was a serious thing to go so it was to return, and

my spirit was often bowed in supplications to my Heavenly Father that He would be pleased to direct my steps aright. On the 10th Inst. my dear friends Ruth Ely Samuel and Jane Betts and Barth. Wister also Phila Pemberton and some others went with me to look at the vessel, and, sitting down quietly together awhile, my mind was covered with a sweet calm: and it appeared to me that it was right for me to go in that vessel: that it would be to me a place of rest. The time for taking the steam boat being on first day the 20th at 12 o'clock, some thoughtfulness attended lest I ~~should~~ could not safely attend the morning meeting: but as looking at it I had a little faith that it would do. The meeting was large and I believe we were sweetly cemented together: I was moved to address the assembly, first in testimony and then to supplicate for us all, and lastly took a final farewell: many hands were tendered; and, as there was a little time before taking the steam boat, a great number of friends came up the Aisle of the meeting house, and

took an affectionate farewell. I felt that I loved them dearly but my mind overflowed with peace — indeed it seemed as if my joy was full. and I could part with them cheerfully. [See an enumeration of the friends 32 in all, who accompanied her to the Vessel] and (says she) we parted most affectionately in my cabin: my spirit was so sustained that I could say hard things were made easy and I scarcely shed a tear when we parted. I went on deck and looked at them and they at me, as long as we could discern each other. When bed-time came I lay me down in peace to sleep and passed a pleasant night. —— I have left many kind friends behind whom I tenderly love, and I hope we shall remain as epistles written in each others' hearts — and now, on looking over my journey altogether, I am sensible of being a poor weak creature; and if any good has been done by any labour of mine, to Him be all the praise who is pleased to make use of poor weak instruments. — I feel that I have abundant cause for gratitude for the manifold mercies and favours vouchsafed to me while a sojourner on the American continent: I have been mercifully sustained

in many deep and painful conflicts, and my head kept above the waters. preservation has been witnessed in perils among false brethren; I have been privileged with many dear brethren and sisters in the truth which I account no small favour. The unity of the brethren is a very precious thing, and I esteem it a great Blessing [that], and agreeable companions have been provided for me without any contrivance of mine, being such as have felt their minds drawn to the service. — have happened very few accidents in the way of travelling: none that have proved injurious, and I believe my Great and Blessed Master has been pleased to grant me a release from the field of labour in which I have for some years been engaged. and I have a humble hope that He will be pleased to bring me safe to my beloved husband and dear children. ——

This morning I felt that I should not be easy without attempting to hold a meeting with the passengers, sailors &c. and, on running it to Capt. West, he said that they had put up an awning on deck for

the purpose, intimating that they were expecting it. I felt very thoughtful on the occasion, as I knew that the expectation of the people was turned towards me: however as we were sitting down together the people manifested much sedateness, and I first read two chapters in the Bible and then addressed them as way opened: and it proved a very solid meeting, and they were very quiet and some of them tendered.
[See the continuation of this in MSS III, for insertion if advisable.]

[There is some allusion at page 359 (which see) to "the commotions – in the Society [in America]" owing "to unsoundness in the faith;" and it was my beloved Mother's lot to suffer deeply in consequence, as the disease was not (at first) so much among the body at large, as among the leading members, some of them, having, themselves, received the poison of Unitarianism were the means (instrumentally) of widely spreading this heresy in the Society. The following is the narrative of a singular dream, and her subsequent exercises, penned by E.R. at Washington 26 of 12 mo. 1825, which narrative will throw considerable light upon the then uncomfortable state of things which was obviated while this was in progress by the partial secession

of the Unitarian portion of the Society.*

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*Washington 26 of 12mo 1825

Last night I had a singular dream, which was that whilst washing my hands in a basin of water, I felt that I had something in my mouth disagreeable, and, looking at the water in the basin, observed several serpents in it, one large one, and others of different sorts and shapes; the large one looked dead; but soon I perceived it moved and was fully alive. I was surprised they had not bitten me, and concluded it was a remarkable deliverance. I had another dream wherein I thought I was dead. In the morning I was much impressed with them, and mentioned them to my companions. After breakfast, we were about to set out in our engagement of visiting families; when five friends came in and sat down, saying they wished to have an opportunity with me. One of them whose family we had visited two days before accused me of having said such and such things, part of which

*See Reminiscences No 2 page 115. See also J Shillitoe's Journal

was false which I denied, and the allusion being pursuant I also denied; so that it all came to nothing: one of them said nothing for a while, and I did not know that he was active therein; but soon I found he was the most formidable, and in a very bitter spirit, and appeared to me to resemble in disposition the large serpent, and the others the smaller ones: they then said they did not approve of my going along without an elder of the meeting, to which we, at first, objected; but on considering it thought best to agree [to it] as I did not feel easy to give up the visit, and I believe they intended to put us by, by this contrivance; but were disappointed: when they were going away this occurred to me "The serpents have not bit me": Having the elder with us made the work more trying, and truly it was like dying: but I was enabled to rise pretty much above it the latter part of the day, and this evening feel thankful for the deliverance afforded, and my mind is clothed with peace; blessed and praised be the name of the Lord! I feel the precious cause is worth suffering for, and there is

that in me that [can] rejoice in being counted worthy to suffer for His name's sake who died for me.

27th We got on pretty well with our keeper; indeed my mind was raised above him, so that he was obliged to sit and hear many things which he did not like, and I seemed to wax bolder for my sufferings. When we were about parting after dinner (as he did not like to go with us to Sarah Hutchinson's, knowing that she would not receive him) he said he hoped I should not bear any thing in mind unpleasant respecting him: I let him know that they had treated me very unkindly, and hoped that they would not treat another so: but he vindicated their conduct (which I believe at bottom they were ashamed of) and came out with these new opinions: I told him he had never yet got deep enough, saying "First a Babe then a young man, then a strong man in Christ." On the 28th attended a meeting again at Washington, paid a visit to a family who had been previously omitted, and in the afternoon went to Alexandria.

on the 27th we saw the Elders and overseers together who appeared unwilling that we should proceed without an elder of the meeting: I stated my objections to it, letting them know that I was willing to submit to state one provided they were not willing that I should proceed without; that it seemed to me that, except any one felt something towards it ~~in this~~ so as to be under the weight thereof, they could not be of use, and that I always looked upon it as an hindrance to the work an individual being present not immediately concerned, especially a member of the meeting: they did not say much regard to my feelings: one young man, an overseer, said it was their rules, and it was a good one. However, the Elder (George Drinker) they had previously fixed on, declined, saying that he did not feel the weight upon him: and Sarah Jenny was proposed whom we encouraged to go with us, and were glad that we had come off so well; she being a peaceable woman; and though not very clear-sighted, yet not likely to do us any harm further than that it always feels as obstruction up a more having

such as are not immediately concerned: and at some families I was satisfied it did tend to make the way more difficult: in a while she was taken ill, and we were told we might go alone: thus the thing came to naught which we understood there had been much contrivance about; and we were told they had intended hindering Solomon's going: and that the elder aforenamed intended to have opposed us in families from what he himself said; and, had he gone, I believe we could not have proceeded.

Washington the 7th of 1st month 1826

In pursuing our family visit we had many bitter draughts to partake of: it was very hard to sit in families and declare against a spirit of unbelief; and particularly in speaking the truth to ministers and elders. but not one of them made any opposition for which my mind many times was filled with gratitude; in going to the elder, George Drinker's, I went under very bitter feelings, expecting a violent opposition, and sate down in the house under as much

trial as it was possible for my poor mind to endure; but, in boundless mercy, a covering of pure love spread over us, in which my fears vanished, and I was enabled to represent the low state of the society, telling him that it is an awful ~~thing~~ day wherein many have denied the faith; that there was a disease in the ministry; and that elders had need to take care not only to keep clear themselves, but also to dwell so deep as to be able to detect that which is unsound; being able to feel where words come from. I then addressed his wife and children; he seemed tendered, and when I had done, he said he felt thankful for the visit to his family, desiring that I might not hurry away too soon, but stay and do what good I could, things being in a low state amongst them, &c. I let him know that I ~~desired~~ believed it right for me to be as diligent as I could whilst in this country so far separated from my beloved husband and family; giving him a few particulars of my leaving my own dear home, mentioning also, the deep sympathy which I felt after arriving in

in this country with such as are true mourners and that there were of that number in many places, to his he seemed brought into great love to me, and acknowledged my beloved companion Ruth Ely as an old acquaintance which he had not done before. I felt on leaving, as though I could sing the Lord's praise on the banks of deliverance I dont know that I ever before suffered so much in any family visit as in this: yet I had often gratefully to commemorate the goodness and condescension of the Shepherd of Israel in helping one so unworthy; sometimes after meeting when I had spoken closely to those false doctrines I was astonished that I was permitted to pass without opposition, and could not but consider it as the Lord's doing and marvellous in my eyes. Nevertheless he ascribed all the praise of his own works, for to the creature nothing is due. — the longer we remained in Alexandria, the kinder the people were

10th Went to Sandy Spring: lodged at Stephen Wilson's, having an intention to go through the families there if allowed; but [I] was told that Roger Brooke was

likely to oppose it: however, on considering it, I could not feel easy without spreading it before the meeting, in order that they might do as they pleased with it, which was done at the close of the meeting for worship, when Roger Brooks came forward with an accusation to this effect:—saying that I had sown discord amongst them, saying that there were false teachers amongst them, those that denyed the Lord that bought them and counted the blood of the covenant an unholy thing; [he] recommended me to take the counsel given by the Master, "first go and be reconciled to thy brother and then come and offer thy gift": I denied the charge as far as related to sowing discord, or having [any] personal allusion in my communication at all: several friends expressed they were not willing that I should proceed on the visit till I had cleared up the charges. Solomon Lukens informed friends that he had travelled with me more than a year; that I had visited families in different parts of the country, and had never met with the least difficulty, but had the full unity of friends until coming [into] this part of the country; and that the charge upon me

was groundless, or words to this effect: I let them know that my character had been unjustly impeached by the charges of Rosen Rhodes, and laid the concern more closely upon them a second time, in order that I might feel clear, and they have to bear the burden. there was but one friend that expressed an unwillingness to take the burthen, who said he was willing at first that I should proceed, and remained so. it was concluded that the elders and overseers should meet at Caleb Bentley's in the afternoon when he first brought forward charges of what had been said at the last yearly meeting at Baltimore x and said that even in supplication I had desired that I might be preserved from perils by sea and perils by land and perils amongst false brethren. I acknowledged that I had; and that it was the petition of my heart at that time. — much more was said; but they were far from proving any thing personal in what I had said in any of my public or private communications. James R Stabler was called upon to state something that I [had] said to a friend of Baltimore

x See End of Diary No 20

endeavouring to prejudice the friends against [P H]
[I] had not a clear recollection of what passed at Balti-
more, but said the conversation was at the re-
quest of the friend, who wished to make certain en-
quiries: he also alleged that I had said that
P. H. preached the same doctrines as Elias Hicks
did. He also asked me if we had any knowledge
written or verbal that E. Hicks preached these doc-
trines, that is a disbelief in the atonement: he
was informed by Solomon Lukens that I had seen E.
Hicks's sermons, and that was the doctrine con-
tained in them: but he said he would not admit
his sermons as evidence; for, said he, they were
not published by the consent of the Society, though
he did not undertake to deny that they were correct-
ly taken: yet he urged my saying whether I be-
lieved that E. Hicks did deny the atonement; I
let him know that I did not incline to answer that
question. thus he could make nothing out
with all these charges. Roger [Brooke] was angry
on a great deal about doctrinal points wherein was
much contradiction. —— At last they came to

the conclusion that the visit was not to be commenced I told them that I considered I was persecuted, and that I suffered for Righteousness sake. Roger who had before sneeringly said he was more than willing to take my burden on himself, then replied "Then thou must shake the dust off thy feet". I told him that I was prevented from proceeding in a visit to the families because I preached the ancient doctrines of Christianity as set forth in the Scriptures of Truth; and the doctrines of our Society; to which he scoffingly replied that it would not do for one minister to preach one thing, and another minister another kind of doctrine: that would cause confusion, and that they must be stopped.

Nov 11 also came the Monthly Meeting of Philadelphia, at which I felt no more than usual, but after the meeting ended I felt a little strengthened to bear testimony against the hasty measures pursued by the Friends in disowning Isaac Hopper, &c. &c. Thus we see the Spirit of Christianity is cast out of the Society of Friends, — an opinion which I felt at the meeting of Friends yesterday, so far as the disowning Friends is concerned, I felt strengthened to bear testimony against the hasty measures pursued.

Life & Character of Gerard Terstee-
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Translated from the German by
Samuel Jackson

1833

6 Mo. 8th - Went from Tottenham to Walden by way of Hertford dined at Wm. Manser's there called on Marcia Hooper at Amwell 6 — — — — — — 40 Miles

6 Mo. 10th. Went to the Quarterly Meeting (lodged at Eph. Latchford's) at Colchester, thence to Walden 72

6 Mo. 13th Left Walden for Hitchin, by way of Royston took tea at B. Collin's there 30 lodged at Eliz. Wheeler's at Hitchin, called on several friends - 6 Mo 14th went from Hitchin accompanied by Jos. Sharples in his Carriage to Luton, from whence we proceeded to Leighton Buzzard, dined at John Grants & called on several friends there. Hitchin to Leighton 6

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	Miles
Pro^t over	164
6 Mo 14th Leighton to Aylesbury	10
Aylesbury to Thame	10
called on Mr Wheeler at Thame who sits down twice on first Days with four persons more in silence, he appears a very thoughtful man.	
From Thame to Oxford	13
Lodged at Oxford, went to see the Printing Office, Christ's College, Chapel & Hall within its precincts, Friends Meeting House & Market-place & provisions ~~&c. it was~~ exposed in it were abundant ~~and~~ excellent & various. Next we went to Farringdon	17
called upon Mr Reynolds aged in his 93^d year bury	
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Brot. up . . 214

clear & animated; proceed
on to Cirencester (6 Mo: 16th) 19
staid over first Day, at-
tended morng & even. Meetg
to our comfort, a nice circle
of friends belonging to it,
abt. 50 members altogether,
the meetg. house handsome
& capable of cont. abt. 800
persons wherein all filled,
the seats in the men's house
mahogony, we were quar-
-tered at Jno. Brown's, at
dined at Chris. Bowley's.
Bartoxbury n. the town
(1748)
West next to Melksham,
by way of Malmsbury 27
Dined at Mary Powell's at-
tended Meetg therein the Eve.
of 6th day at home & very kind
& attentive to us. Wm. Brain

Miles Forty-one 260
went Guidewitz's from
Cirencester to Melkham.
3d Day morn set off from
Melkham to Glastonbury
by way of Trowbridge Shepton
Mallet & Frome be Wm Simpson
Oldw Wishy Guides — 36
attended Meet here met
many Friends at this
place, a number from Bris-
tol, lodged at the widow
Fanny Clark's, dined at
Thomas Clark's, also the
follow Day at Wm Gillett's
took Tea at Lyne Clark's
who went Guidewitz's to
Taunton, had a Meet at
Street on the 20th, many
Friends present, it is a
nice Country Meet J. T. Clark 296

Brostower — Miles 29
spoke after my Wife had relieved
herself. — From Street to Taunton 18
Went to Milverton 6 Mo. 21st 7
had a meeting in the Evening, Jno
Young accompanied us, sat
with the few frds, after which
accompanied by R Youngman
to Wellington. — 4
quartered at Saml Fox's where
we felt particularly comfortably
had no meeting here, after dining
went to Exeter 24
dined at Geo. Fox's took Tea with T. Sparkes
quartered at Jno Dymond's
sat with frds in their Morng
Meeting, & had a public one
in the Evening very satisfactory
2d Day the 24th went to Plymouth 42
quartered at Sarah Fox's.
went by way of Chudleigh &
Ashburton.

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Miles
Brot. over — — 391

Attended Mo: Meet at Plymouth on 3d Day, Jno Dymond Eliz. Fox & my Wife all spoke, the business of the Meet agreeably conducted. 4th Day was the Qu: Meet for the County of Devon, wch proved a favoured one, my dr Wife had I tho't good service, she came into the men's Meet & had acceptable service therein, recommend a faithful attention to our minor Testimonies to our young men in particular. — She had felt her mind engaged to go thro the families of frds at Plymouth, & Jno Dymond has a Minute for the same purpose, they intend to unite in this service after attending the Qu. Meet for Cornwall. — On 6th Day the 28th of 8th

Brot. forward — Miles 391

North we went by way of Salt-ash where we ferried over the Tamar in a ~~Chain Boat~~ Chain Bridge to Tide-ford in Cornwall to Meet at 11 o'clock - - 10

abt 5 families belong to this Meet, Jos: Trefry & Eliz: Fox accompanied us, staid all night at James Sanson's, & kindly accomodated, on the 29th went to Looe accompa- 8

nied still by E Fox, Edw Sanson also with us as Guide, quartered at Sarah Tucket's who is abt 74 years of age only 3 members besides herself belong to this meet, after dining with J. T. we went to Liskeard, E Fox 8

still with us, quartered at Saml & Sarah Rundells, their company truly grateful to us.

Miles 4

Brot. over Miles - 417

~~7th Mo.~~ 6th Mo. 30th attended Meetg at Liskeard on 1st Day, neighbours from both Town & Country always make a point of attend. those Meetgs before the Qu. Meetg wch. only held one in the year at Liskeard, it was agreeable enough to my Wife to have their company & she had ye tho't excellent service among them, also Saml. & Sarah Rundell & E. Fox spoke. On 3d & 4th Days was the Mo. & Qu. Meetgs, my dear Wife, also Jno. Dymond, Ann Tweedy S. & Rundell, E. Fox & C. E. Potts all spoke & both meetings were favoured & satisfactory & called for thankfulness. We rett. to Plymouth on 5th Day the 4th of 7th Mo. by way of Torpoint 18

Miles. 435

Brot up. Miles 435

Thos: Sth J. Dymond & my Wife are now engaged in going thro' the families at Plymouth attended Week Day Meeting on the 10th in which Ann Bawkwell spoke for the first time, a grand daughter of Ma Pryors wife of Jos: Bawkwell. In the afternoon went to Kingsbridge by way of Modbury, attended Meeting at Kingsbridge, lodged at the house of Jos. Kingston Jr, here we were much pleased with friends as they appear to be of a consistent stamp, such as we were with viz. Geo: Fox & his Wife, Jos. Kingston & his Wife, Jane Prideaux & her Niece. Off the Market to Modbury to a public Meeting in the Evening. 20

Miles 40

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7th mo: 12. ~~Sat~~ Sat with Fr.
at Modbury, a precious little
meet, our ancient fr. Richard
Andrews, appears like one
of our primitive fr.: so much
simplicity & sincerity at his
renders his company very
comfortable. In the afternoon
rec'd to Ringsbridge to a public
meet in the Evening, pretty
large & very satisfactory. 8
7th Day the 13th returned to
Plymouth, dined at Geo: Prideaux's
at Modbury on the way, Rich^d
Balkwell Jr. Guide, & Ben: Andrews
Guide to Plymouth. On 1st Day
the 14th attended Fr^ds Meet there
in the Morng, my dr ER had Jr
that excellent service, Dan. Tucker
spoke agreeably, & Sa: Abbott in
Miles 491 20

Miles
491

Broot. up
supplication, dined & took Tea
at Benj. Balkwell's, after which
went to a public Meet at De-
vonport, held in the Town Hall
abt. 15 hundred people present
it was supposed who behaved
well & it proved a satisfactory
Meet, the people very quiet
& some appeared really solid.
~~Broot~~ On the 15th went to
breakfast with Sa. Prideaux (widow)
recently left with eleven chil-
dren, my wife was engaged
to supplicate for the preserva-
tion of herself & children, she
appeared much broken, her
son Charles appears a pro-
mising young man, after break
fast her son Henry went with
me in a Boat to the breakwater

Bro.t over.

Miles 491

a stupendous Work, not by far finished, yet it already is of great advantage to the harbour as Vessels, when within it, appear to ride (tho' are considered) in perfect safety. In the Evening had a Meet.g for the gentell Inhabitants w.ch I trust was in a comfortable degree favoured, & very relieving to my & Wife. On 3.d Day Morn.g the 16th We went to Tavistock accompanied by Jos: Treffry & his Son Joshua to a Meet.g with friends w.ch is composed principally of convinced persons, & appear agreeable valuable Fr.ds: between 20 & 30 members. In the Even.g had a Meet.g with the Inhabitants in the Town House, well

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attended & hope a good Meeting.
From Tavistock we went again
to Liskeard, by way of Callington, & lodged at Geo. Guide. 20
We met a very kind reception
from our dear frd. Saml. & Sarah
~~Lydock~~ Rundell, spent the Eve.
at Jno. Allen's, Sarah Tuckett
present. Attended their Week-
day Meet. on 5th Day the 18th
to good satisfaction, & left for
Austle after dining, Richd.
Esterbrook Guide. In the Eve. 18
had a large public Meet. in frd.
Meet. House at Austle, a good
new House & spacious. 6th Day
the 19th had a large Meet. in the
Methodist's M. House at Hayeg. 6
very quiet good Meet. 7th Day the 6
20th sat with frd. at Austle to sa-
tisfaction, a few valuable frd. among
them, all the Members belonging to the Meet. 5 2 6

in Meeting to Austle.

Bro.t over — — miles 555

ment to see some large Tin Works in the neighbourhood of Austle & then proceeded on to Truro to the house of our valued fr.ds Wm. & Ann Tweedy where we rec.d a very hearty welcome. On 1st Day the 21st we sat with friends in their Morn.g Meet.g a very agreeable company the number of members 49 many of whom are convinced persons. In the Eveng had their good new M.H. completely filled with the Inhabitants & I think it proved a favoured time, Ann Tweedy took a part in the service. Several came to sup with us, after which an agreeable opp.y enjoyed, my H. & T. both spoke. 2d Day Evening, had a public Meet.g at Chase-water, large

Pick Dam Guide 13

Chase Water & back 10

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Brot up

Miles 578

favoured, Ann Tweedy took a share in the service. On 3d Day called on friends of Truro, & in the Evening went to a public Meet at Lea or, Come to good, a solid Meet, held in friend M. House, in the grave-yard attached to it, the remains of our worthy friends Mr & Cath. Phillips were deposited.

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On 4th Day morng the 24th of 7th Mo: accompanied by Sylvanus James went to Redruth to the week-day Meet, w. proved to me a sweet opp. My dr E R favoured therein. After dinner visited the house built by Mr Phillips, & continued by his excellent Wife w. much

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Brot. over
interested us, with the beautiful
Garden & Plantations behind.
I ascended Carne Brae a re-
markable hill from which
I had a view of both George's
Channel as well as the
English. — In the Evening
had a public Meet. in Friend
M. H. at Redruth to good
satisfaction. 5th Day the
25th went to Marazion & 15
a Meet. with Friends, several
Friends from other places
being in the neighbourhood
on acct. of their health at-
tended. After which went
to Penzance to the house 3
of Edward Crouch & had
a public Meet. in fd. M. H.
Miles 612

Brot. over . . . 612

6th Day the 26th. Held a
Meet. on St Michael's Mount
went to it by Water from
Penzance, it is a remarkable
Rock in the Sea, on which
abt. 200 inhabitants reside 6
we ascended to the Summit
from which we had a most
extended view. In the
Eve. had a large public
Meet. in a Methodist M.H. 3
at Newlyn, very satisfactory.
On 7th Day Evening had a
large Meeting at Mouse-hole
the appearance of the people
remarkably cleanly & well
dressed, very civil & well be-
haved, & glad of our visit but
proved comfortable to ourselves. 8

Miles — 620

Brot. up

Miles 629

On 1st Day Morng the 28th 7th Mo: went to Lands End (Sennen) to a Meetg wch was large & favoured, & in the afternoon one at St. Leaven, very large, both held in Methodists M. Houses & truly satisfactory, the people appeared glad of our visit. Chas & Sarah Fox had at this time lodgings near the Lands End, & who kindly accomodated us during our tarriance in this neighbourhood. On the 29th we had a Meetg at St. Juste in the Methodist's M.H. abt. 1000 people present wch proved a quiet comfortable Meetg. - John Budge has been with us to our comfort at pretty many Meetings, several other friends kindly accompany us from place to place. Met to Penzance after Meetg. - 7

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Even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him". And truly I see no other way of profiting by all I meet with, whether means, or friends, or providences, or whatever else, but to get under the spirits influence.

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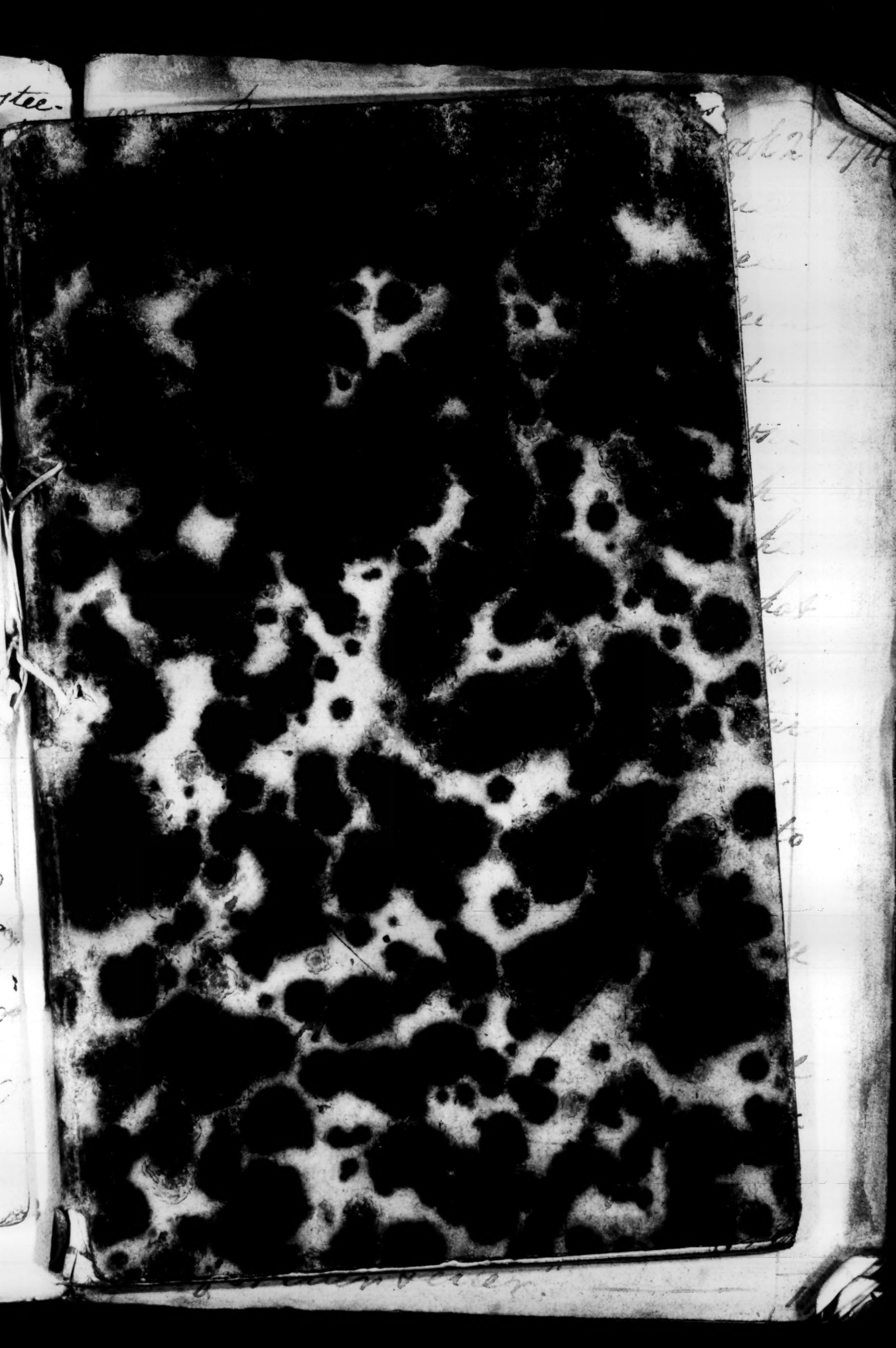

Families belonging Taunton

Rd Ball & Wife & 6 Children x — To governs x	9
John Young & Wife	2
Ja: Lovell Wife & Children	9
Sarah Payne & her daughter M. P. x	2
Robt Hitchcock & Wife & 2 children x	3
Wm Young x	1
Wm Foreman & Wife & Child — removed	3
Saml. Clark Wife & Child x	3
Jane Clark x	1
Mary Lane x	1
Ja: & Eliz. Dymond x	2
Martha Davies, Mary Jones x & Catherine Morgan	3
Wm Davis x	1
Edmund Gower Wife & 2 Daughters & Servant x	5
Ann Rizdon, very deaf	1
Mary Wilkins x	1
Mary Boyland & Daughter — removed	2

	Members
Protower	49
Jas. Duck, Mother & 4 Children x	6
Jona. Payne Wife & 2 Children x	4
	59
Jno Mullett & Wife x	2
Eliz. Norman x	1
	62

Families belonging to Street Meeting

Members of the Society of Friends

Thos. Clark & wife Servant	3
John Gillett Wife, Governess & 8 Children	11
John Clothier Wife Son & 2 daughters ~~Sons~~	5
Arthur Clothier Wife 2 daughters 4 Children	8
Jos^h Clark & Mother	2
Cyrus Clark Wife his Brother James & 4 Children Servant x	8
Ann Metford	1
John Kingston Wife, Son, daughter & 2 Children	6
George Lewis & Wife at Glastonbury	2
Thos. Biddlecomb & Wife at Ashwot	2
Jos^h. Motter Kingswestow	4
Wm Gillett, Wife, & daughter & Hannah Clothier	
Members	53

Families of frds belonging
Exeter Meeting.

Thomas Sparks	4
T. Sparks Jr.	4
Jos. Sparks	6
Wm Sparks	8
Henry Sparks	2
Jr. Dymond & Wife	2
Jno Dymond & Wife	9
Mr. Dymond Wife & 1 Child	3
Robt. Dymond Wife & 4 Chil.	6
Mary Dymond	1
Sarah G. Dymond	1
Han. Dymond & 2 Chil.	3
Miriam Fister Dymond	2
Geo. Fox & Sister & Child.	5
Robt. P. Fox Wife & 2 Child.	4
Robt M. Fox Wife & Child.	10
Jno Williams Sister	2
	72

Brot over - 72
Mary & Rachel Williams 2
Sa. Wilkie & 2 Daughters - 3
Jno F. Wilkie & Wife - 2
Edwd Wilkie with J C Jr - 1
Esther Birkam - 1
Martha Birkam - 1
Julia Thompson - 1
Eliz. Hutchins & S. Morgan - 2
Sarah Bart - 1
Rachel Clark - 1
Sarah Mogeridge & young woman 2
Geo: Langdon & Wife - 2
Ann Waddington & child - 3
Rev. Tefft - 1
Thos. Robinson - 2
G. B. Ramsay & sister Mrs: 3
Rev. & Mrs. Cross - 2
Eliz. & Miriam Green - 2
Members 104

Number of members in Cornwall
Quarterly Meeting 10 Mo: 1831

Tideford Meeting	18
Looe Do	4
Liskeard Do	41
Austell Do	40
Madebridge Do	25
Eastern Mo: Meetg	128
Falmouth Meeting	99
Redruth Do	45
Truro Do	43
Penzance Do	12
Western Mo: Meetg 199	
Total No: Members	327

Members in Devonshire Qu: Meetg 10 Mo: 1831

Exeter Meeting	104
Spiceland Do	21
Barnstaple	3
No in Eastern Mo: Meetg	128

Brot. over. 128

Plymouth Meetg	130	
Tavistock Do.	30	
Ringsbridge Do.	21	
Modbury Do.	13 =	194
Total number		322

Bristol & Somerset Qu. Meetg

Bristol Meeting (No. Meetg) abt.		620
Sidcot Do.	~~87~~ 90	
Bath Do.	60	
Claverham Do.	65	
Chew Magna	15	
Portishead	3	
No. in North Division	233	233
Street & Glastonbury	64	
Frome	4	
Long Sutton	10	
Yeovil	11	~~89~~
Middle Division	89	89
		942

Brot. up		942
Wellington Meetg	769	
Taunton Do	62	
Bridgewater Do	25	
Ilminster Do	7	
Milverton Do	6	
West Division	169	169
Total in Qu. Meetg		1111

Lines on the death of Robt. Fowler & Saml. Alexander, by Mr. Collier

Mournful daughter of Zion, O! why art thou weeping?
Thy princes & prophets to glory are gone
The redeemed, & the ransomed, in Jesus are sleeping
The conflict is passed, & the victory won.
Dost thou weep for the church? lo, in freshness anointed,
Other sons rise around her, for priests of the Lord;
Other Judges to Zion's chief seats are appointed,
And Jehovah's high name is proclaimed & adored.

Dost thou weep for the world, bits dark desolation?
Where like beacons they shone, & illumined the night,
Lo! the gospel's bright morning, spreads far o'er the nation,
And their nobles bow down at the blaze of its light.
Does thy love for themselves, lead thy heart to deplore them?
As thy fathers in Christ, & the friends of thy way?
Behold, greater love than was thine is spread o'er them,
And a love beyond theirs, is thy guardian & stay.
Oh, weep not for the just, for their lamps were kept burning,
They were pilgrims with meekness & mercy endowed,
They are called from a pathway of dimness & mourning,
To a land without sorrow, a day without cloud.
Oh! weep not for the faithful, their warfare is ended;
Their sabbath eternal, unsullied their rest;
And their sanctified spirits, in brightness ascended
Communion to hold with the sainted & blest.
Yea communion with Him, the great Shepherd who led them,
Thro' the world's dreary desart of darkness & strife,
Who in pastures of peace, & of purity fed them,
And has brot them in joy to the fountain of life.

Arise then, & cast off thy sackcloth & sadness,
Anoint, & thy beautiful garments put on;
Tune thy harp to the sweet songs of praises & gladness,
For the grave is subdued, & the victory won.

To a Mourner in Zion, by Wm Collier

O Mourner! dost thou feel as if forsaken?
That love & mercy smile no more for thee?
Ah! look to Him, whose strength like thine was shaken
In the deep conflict of Gethsamane.
Art thou with sorrow & temptation clouded?
It is the path thy sinless Saviour trod,
Art thou in deadness, & in darkness shrouded?
'Tis oft the pilgrim's nearest way to God.
Or dost thou weep that Zion's children slumber,
And speed not onward to their joyful home?
Behold, a sanctified & shining number,
Arrayed in garments of salvation come.
Does the world claim thy spirits lamentation,
And yet returns thee wrath, neglect & scorn?

The saints in light have passed thro' tribulation
To their unclouded & eternal morn.
Then rise, O mourner! be no more dejected;
Rejoice thou honoured whom the Lord has blest.
The meek, the pure in heart, are his elected,
Redeemed & fitted for his heavenly rest.
Let not the tempter of thy crown bereave thee,
The crown of righteousness, of peace & joy;
The arms of Love are open to receive thee,
And join thee to the ransomed band on high.
Lo! ministring Angels wait to guard thee,
And light thy steps the vale of death along;
With raiment white & spotless to reward thee,
And tune thy harp for light triumphant song.

The Post Bag — Nicholas Shackleton

The post bag now sent,
Is very much rent,
Then hear our petition,
Behold its condition,
And send us by next post a letter.

Answer

Best of Postmasters
Frequent disasters
And various have happened the Mail,
Yet when you think meet,
In verses to greet,
Your petition (we'll warrant) shart fail.
Esteemed good friend,
With this Mail me send
A leather convenience secure,
Your cogent desire,
And poetic fire
Well pleases us all, me assure.

P.S.

When oft in plain Prose
I repeated my woes,
Lamenting my post bags poor state,
Disregarded by all
I talked to the wall
And nobody minded my prate.

At long last thought I,
I will certainly try
What effect by a Rhyme can be wrought,
My suit was straight granted,
I got what I wanted
In a whole skin, my letters safe brought;
No wonder that we
Postmasters agree
So nicely in point of good taste
Since Hermes we are told
Jones envy of old
Presided o'er wit & post haste.
And now that I've found
Poetical ground
To the stand to procure your good grace,
Pray once more befriend me,
Some sealing wax send me,
A Perquisite due to my place.
A place without pension
Oh! shocking to mention,

Did Clermont our Master but know it,
Or, if I could please
My worthy friend Lees,
They sure would not starve a poor poet.
Let none say my Rhyme
Is quite out of time
A good thing is never out of season,
As all trades must live
A small salary give
And for my Rhyme, let me have reason.
Answer
Most worthy, good friend,
Though our wishes do tend
To grant you your full expectation,
Nor verses, nor prose
Can influence those
Who hold the purse-strings of the nation.
We send you the wax
On the office a tax
That's granted by Justice & Reason;
But as for the pension,

Though good our intention,
At this time it is quite out of season.
Then shine by your trade,
It will never degrade
As a pension does those who lie low it,
Content will attend you,
And virtue befriend you
Nor poverty reach the good Poet.
P. S.
For the sealing wax sent
And your wishes well meant,
My grateful acknowledgments ~~ought~~ take,
Sure politeness Quit
In your post office sit
And there their chief residence make.
In these selfish times
By the magic of Rhymes
To loose purse-strings I own would be hard,
What tho' Orpheus could lead,
Rocks & Stones we dont read
That Money too followed the Bard.

Contented therefore
I'll tease you no more
'Tis pity to spur a free horse,
I'll take what I have got
Submit to my lot,
And so practice patience & force.
And now my good friend
My simple muse ends,
With kind valediction to you,
And lest she should tire
With too much of her lyre
She bids for the present Adieu.

To the Editor of the Times

Sir — The annual epistle of the Quakers, which has just come forth, as has been usual with these productions, an excellently pious & proper address, I suppose that amidst the din of a busy session of Parliament, you have

not found room for its insertion, still, if I mistake not, there are indications in this & in some preceding epistles, of the changes, perhaps the ameliorations, wch time is silently working in the principles & creed of the sect. In the writings & discourses of the first founders, Fox for example & Barclay, there was but little mention of the Saviour, the son of God. their faith seemed to be bounded, by reverence for the spirit & belief in his operations. In that the first methodists differed from the first Quakers. Wesley & Whitfield spoke but little of the spirit, they wrote & spoke of nothing but the blood of the Lamb. In this Quaker epistle there is literally no mention of the spirit, in the Quaker sense,

from beginning to the end, for
though there are the expressions
"perceptible influence of the
spirit" & striving "thro' the help of
the holy spirit to live &c it is in
the common church of England,
sense that the words are used
It is of the Son, the head of the church
of which the epistle universally
speaks. Another remarkable
thing is, that the Quakers here in
plain & unequivocal terms speak of the
existence of satan ("the temptations
of our restless adversary) in whom
we had thought their predecessors
believed not, We find also a quota-
tion from the liturgy of the church
of England (Mind, body or estate) & a
recommendation to examine the
external evidences of the christian

religion" happy quotation, & good advice, no doubt, but at variance with those claims to superiour illumination wch the first founders of the Quaker sect put forth.

Members in Hustle Meeting

+ Jno. ~~Beale~~ & Han. Ueale ~~& Andrew~~ Ueale	3
+ Eliz. & Wm. Ueale & Andrew	2
Richd Beale	1
~~Thomas~~ Aigman (very deaf & weak)	1
+ Mary Hoskins	1
+ Honour Tallack & 2 Daughters	3
+ Thomas Tallack Wife & Child	3
+ Susan Bastin	1
+ Mary Williams, husband & 2 Chil^n	4
+ Susan Clemes & 6 children	7
Members	26

Brought up	24
Jos. Bray Wife & 2 Childr	4
Saml. Daw, & 2 Childr	3
Edwd Johns Wife & 1 Child	3
Thomas Stark	1
James Ham	1
Edw Baston & Sister	2
Members	40

Members in Truro Meetg

Wm Tweedy Wife 2 Daughters	4
Saml Melford Wife 3 Childr	5
Sylvanus James Wife 2 Childr	4
Jno James Wife & Child	3
Thos Tregallis Wife & 4 Childr	6
Thos Mann Wife & 7 Childr	9
Natl. Stephens & 2 Sisters	3
Mary Narkiwell	1
Loneday Hanwood	1
Eliz. Crapp	1
Jno Eustes	1
Members	38

Brot. over . 38

Lambert Pidwell Wife & Child . 3

Eliz. Bray . . . 1

Wm Budge 1

Ebenezer Edey . . 1

Sa. Edmunds . . 1

Robt. Tweedy Wife 2 Children . 4

Members . 49

Members belonging Redruth Mg

Alfred Jenkin Wife Mother & 5 Ch. . 8

Ann James & E Hamilton . . 2

Jno. Ledgey Wife & 2 children . 4

Richd Cornish & 4 children . 5

Wm Richards . . . 1

Jno. Budge Wife, Sister & 7 Chil^n. 10

Richd Richards Wife & 5 chil^n. 7

Eleanor & Johanna Richards 2

John & Phillippa Williams 2

Marg^t. Nicholas . . 1

Members . 44

Extracted from the Life of Frances Pawson widow of John Pawson, one of the first Methodist Preachers.

Never did I see more need than lately of the exhortation "Grieve not the spirit." A thousand little inattentions to his admonitions are passed over as trivial things, till those admonitions, those divine & delicate touches, no longer produce the pain wch they used to excite. But the soul, which is attentive to the divine teaching, will become more & more sensible of the guiding Eye, the leading hand, the directing voice, wch says to those who are wishful not to rest in any thing short of it. "The anointing wch ye have recd of Him, abideth in you, & ye need not that any man teach you, but as the same ~~[illegible]~~ anointing teacheth you of all things, is true & no lie

Even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him". And truly I see no other way of profiting by all I meet with, whether means, or friends, or providences, or whatever else, but to get under the spirits influence.

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Brot. up

Miles
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Public Meetings held in the course of our Journey.

6 Mo. 23	At Exeter	
7 Mo. 11	"	Modbury
12	"	Kingsbridge
7 Mo 7	"	Plymouth
14	"	Devonport
15	"	Plymouth – 2d time
16	"	Tavistock
18	"	Austle
19	"	Mavegissy
1st Day 21	"	Truro
22	"	Chase-water
23	"	Rea, or Come to Good
24	"	Redruth
25	"	Penzance – smale
26	"	St. Michael's Mount – Do
"	"	Newlyn
27	"	Mouse-hole – 7th Day Eve
28	"	Sennen – Lands End
"	"	St. Leaven – Do afternoon
29	"	St Juste – very large
30	"	Hale – a considerable place
31		Camborne

22 Meetings and to End

Bro.t from other Book. . . Miles 650

1833 – 7th Mo: 30th Went ~~to~~ from Penzance
to Hale, a considerable Port & Place 9
of Trade near the Sea & had a large
public Meet.g in a Methodist M.H.
to good satisfaction, several frds.
met us here, after which we went
home with our kind frd Jno. Budge
to Camborne. The 31st attended 5
week-day meet.g at Redruth, greatly to 4
my comfort, being an open time,
my dr E. & I were engaged in tes-
-timony therein. – In the Even.g
had a public Meet.g at Camborne 4
in a very large Methodists M.H.
to satisfaction. 8th Mo. 1st had
a large public Meet.g at Portreath 7
in a Methodists M.H. very comfortable.

Prot. over

8 Mo: 2. Went to Helston ~~to~~ a
to a public Meeting &
ret to Cambourne

8 Mo: 3 Went to Falmouth to the
house of Eliz. Fox, by the way
called at Burn-coose the resi-
dence of John & Phillippa Wil-
liams, an interesting visit, Phil-
lippa appears a superior wo-
man & in the station of Minis-
ter. 1st Day the 4th attended
Morng Meeting at Falmouth to
satisfaction & had a public
Meeting in the Evening.

Members belonging Falmouth
who we visited from house to house
Meeting. Wm Crouch Wife & Chil.
Eliz. Caskeet & Daughter 6
Ben. Edmonds Wife & 2 Sons 2
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12 } 711

Brot. up	Miles
Members brot. up	17
Hester Fox	3
Eliz. & Ra: Tregallis	2
Alfred Fox Wife & 3 Children	5
Robt W. Fox Wife & 3 Children	5
Thos W Fox & Wife	2
Do 2 Servants	2
Geo: Croker Fox & Wife	2
Eo J Angston	2
Doctor Richd Fox	1
Jane Thomas & Daughters	3
Jos. Fox Surgeon Wife & 6 Children	8
Wm Joslin Wife & 7 Children	9
Wm Carkeet & 2 Children	3
Jno Stephens Wife & 3 Childn	5
Charles Fox Wife & 1 Child	3
Jno Bache Wife & 4 Childn	6
Members	78

Members bro^t over 73
Wm. Whitburn Wife & 3 Chil^n 5
Wm. Gibbins & Wife 2
2 Servants of E. & R. Tregelli's 2
Geo. & Lewis Fox (Cottage) 2
Members 84

also visited Joshua Fox & his 3 Daughters & afterwards Esther Mills, a nice young woman.

8 Mo. 5th - 2 Day had a large public Meet^g at Penryn in a Methodist Meet^g after which went on to Perran to the house of Charles & Sa. Fox & ~~on the~~ next Evening went to a large Meet^g at Flushing. The following Evening at Perran Well, had a large Meet^g in a Methodist M. H. & lodged at Charles Fox's. Proceeded on with the ~~family~~ family visit & on 4th Day Morning had another public Meet^g at Falmouth large & satisfactory.

Miles bro^t over 711
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4th Day the 10th Inst. up occupied in visit-
ing the remaining families,
went into the Country to visit
Joshua Fox of Penryn who married out,
1st Day 8 Mo: 11th attended
Morng Meetg it was pretty
large, my dr E R had I thot.
excellent service, Maria Fox
also spoke, Saml Gurney & his
two amiable Daughters were
at this Meetg. In the Evng
went to a Meetg at St. Mawes
held in a M. M. H. quite full
many frds in Falmouth ac-
companied us, als Saml.
Gurney & Daughters, went by
Water.

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4
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1833 Brot. over —

Second Day the 12th — went to Pendennis Castle, the Governor himself shewed us thro' it. In the Evening had a large Meeting in a M. M. at Mawnan Smith near Trebah, Charles Fox's Cottage on Helford River, lodged at Alfred Fox's Cottage at Glendurgan. 3d Day went to a public Meeting at Ruan Minor, held in a M. M. near the Lizard, full & rest to Glendurgan to lodge. Attended Meeting at Falmouth on 4th Day & at the close the select Mo: Meeting, both held to much satisfaction, my dear E. engaged in both acceptably.

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Brot. over — — — Miles 779

In the Evening of 4th had a 5
large public Meeting in a M M H 5
at Portsanooth & rec.d to Fal-
mouth. On 5th Day went
to Burncoose to dine with 7
Jno & Phillippa Williams 7
the latter an acknowledged
Minister, sister to Ann
Tweedy where we were
most kindly entertained,
In the Evening attended a 4
meeting in a M M H, it was sup-
posed there were from 1000
to 1500 people present in
a crowded very satisfactory,
name of the place Carhar-
rack. 800

Bro.t over

6th Day the 16th went to a Meeting at Praze held in a Mr. large & satisfactory. retd to Camborne & lodged. 7th Day the 17th went with Alfred Jenkins to St. Ives, to obtain a place for a Meeting the following Evening the 18th & got a large house belonging to the firmitine Methodists, w.ch was well filled with a very respectable looking people who behaved very agreeably & I hope was a favoured meeting. a number of fr.ds from Redruth Meeting & also from Penzance attended.

Brot. over — —

Day the 18th of 8th Mo: were
4 frds. meet at Redruth 4
the Morng, & after dening ment
St. Ives, to the Meetg before
escribed where it was thot.
220 or 1200 persons were present. 220

9th of 8th Mo: West abt. one Mile
from Camborne to visit a poor
blind man, & altho' reduced at
times nearly to want bread, yet
was enabled to cast his care on
the Almighty, & to feel very
thankful for the very small
pittance he possessed, his rela-
tion of his experiences & the gra-
titude he evinced throughout,
notwithstanding his many

bodily afflictions & trials, independant of his blindness, were really instructive & edifying it did appear a striking & remarkable instance of the efficacy of divine grace, he expressed himself in good language, & his capacity was evidently above the common grade of persons of his discription, & he really appeared to us to be in possession of the true Riches. His education was very low, having never learned to read, yet from hearing others, he had got off by heart 138 chapters from the old & new Testaments, one of which viz. the 103d Psalm he repeated to us in a very impressive

Lecture

8 & energetic manner, as if he had in his own experience realized its Contents.

8 Mo 19 Went from Camborne to Marazion to a public Meet held in frds M.H. the body of the house pretty well filled, after which went to Penzance. Attended 15 a public Meet at Penzance held in a large independans Chapel, on the 20th very comfortable.

8 th Mo: 21. Attended Mo: Meet at Penzance for the West Division of Cornwall, a valuable number of frds present, it proved a precious Meeting & Excellent.

Port. over. — Miles 873

In the Evening went to a pub-
-lic Meetg at Goldsithney Lead 5
in a M.M.H. large & agreeable 5
& retd to Penzance. ~~Smooth~~
~~crossed to Wales to a public meeg~~
~~in the M.H.~~ 8th Mo: 22 Went
to Camborne, by the way, called
at Bernard Dickensons Cop- 14
-per Mine wch interested us,
being apparently nicely ma-
-naged, B D appears an a-
-greeable young Man. 23 went
to Wale to a Meetg in a M.H. 3
pretty large & agreeable. 7th 3
Day the 24th went to Redruth
& dined at Alfred Jenkins, who
went with us to Truro, in going 14
917

Brot. ouer Niles 917

to which, our Horse took frigh-
bmy beloued Wife was thrown
out of the Chaise, but rec.d no
hurt except bruising her
leg a little w.ch soon went off.
On 1st Day the 25th Went to
St Anns to a large Meetg in
a M.M.H. at which I suppose
12 or 15 hundred people pre-
sent, my d.r E R stood I believe
abt. 1½ hours, bit proved a
solid good Meetg w.ch many
I believe were ready to ac-
knowledge, may it be blessed
to those then assembled, we
retd to Truro to dinner, Jn.a Budge
with us.

to Bro. 17

934

1833 Bost. over Miles 934
8 Mo. 25th Attended the Evening
Meetg of Frds of Truro to satis-
-faction, Ann Tweedy, Jno Budge
bury and E Hall spoke, the
latter excellently. — Jno Budge
said, he believed, very little
progress cd be made or expe-
rienced by ~~friends~~ half-
-heartedness, we must give
up the whole heart to love
& serve the Lord, or to this
effect, it was an open edi-
-fying meetg to me. There are
a few nice friends at this
place. 26th Attended
Meeting at Grampound 88
in a M.M. I hope a favored 950

Brot. up — Miles	950
retd to Truro — 27th went to a	
Meetg at Tucking Mills in a	13
MM. very large & satisfactory	
after which went to Camborne	
to lodge. — 4th Day the 28th	1
attended Redruth ~~[illegible]~~ Meetg	4
to good satisfaction, my dr Eliz	
had excellent service therein	
dined at Jno. Lidgeys, after	
which retd to Camborne.	4
had a meetg in a MM. at	
Troon, large & comfortable.	fo & fo. 4
29th had a Meetg in a MM at	
at Redruth large & fav.	co & fm 4
retd to Camborne both lodg-	
ing to our kind friends	
Jno & Ann Budge.	
Miles	980

Arrot. rec. Miles	980	
6th Day the 30th went to a		
Meeting in a M.H. at Wheal-		
dose, in a remarkably stormy		
night wch. occationed it to		
be small not more than		
perhaps 120 persons, after		
which went to Truro, Wm.		
Tweedy & his daughter Ca-		
roline meeting us here &		
took my Wife into their		
Carriage. . . .		13
8Mo: 31st West to Wade-bridge		
0 to Slade-bridge to Samel Abbots		24
attended Meet. at Wade-bridge		
to satisfaction my ard. had		
good service. In the Eves.		
	1017	

1833 Prot. ufi. Miles 1017
went to Port Isaac to a pub-
-lic Meetg in M M A. & retd to
Slade-bridge. . - 18
2. Had a public Meetg at
Wade-bridge in fr. M A.
3 Went to a public Meetg
at Bodmin held in the Guild
Hall, large & favoured. 10
retd to Slade-bridge. 4th
attended Week-day Meetg at
Wadebridge to good satisfac-
-tion, & afterdining went to
Liskeard. . . 18
4 Attended Meetg at Liskeard
on 5th Day w.h I thot much
favoured, my dr. E R had
good service, S. Rundell 1063

Bro^t. over. 1063

set his seal to her com-
-munication. We then
proceeded to visit the fa-
milies belonging to this Card
Meet^g. consisting of abt
42 Members, here are a
nice circle of fr^ds. amongst
whom we have been com-
-forted. 9th Mo. 7th went
to Austel accompanied by
Saml & Sa. Rundel 20
attended fr^ds. Meet^g on first
Day Morn^g to satisfaction,
my d^r & R had good service
Saml & Sa. Rundell also.
It was their preparative
Meet^g in which S. Rundell 1083

Brot. over Miles 1083

had some excellent advice
to communicate. In the
Evening had a very large pub-
lic meeting in Fo. M.H. quite
filled & many stood, it proved
a solid good meeting relieve
to my & Wife. — —
Here my Wife felt a concern
to go thro' the families, abt.
40 members belonging to the
meeting. 9th Mo. 9 went to
Fowey, a curiously situated
place & beautiful, accompa- 20
nied by Andrew Beale.
10th proceeded on with the
family visit.

Miles 1103

1833 Bro.t over | 1103

9th Mo 10. Attended Mo:
Meeg at St Austell to good
satisfaction, Sam.l Rundell
& my self had pretty to do
in the line of ministry.
In the Even attended Select
Qu: Meeg number present
9 Mo 11. Qu: Meeg at
large was held in which
Eliza: Allen, Ethelinda
Potts, Sa: Rundel & my
Wife ~~had~~ all spoke, the
latter pretty largely, she
also paid the men's Meeg
a visit, w.h I had reason to
believe was very acceptable
to them, Eliz. For accom-

-panied my Wife & spoke
agreeably as a Minister.
In the Even^g had a public
Meet^g at Providence near Austel house 6
filled & I hope was satisfac
-tory. 12th ~~went~~ proceeded on with
our family visit. 13th Went to
a public Meet^g at Pollgooze 6
large & satisfactory. 14th
went to Launceston. 31
had a public Meet^g in the
Town Hall, wch appeared near-
-ly filled, & I hope was comfort-
-able, we had the company of
John Veale & Geo. Fox from
Austel & were met by Jno Paul
& his Wife, from Tavistock, also 1146

Bro.t over — 1146

~~At~~ John & Eliza: Allen from
Liskeard: 14th went to Holts-
worthy & dined, then proceeded
on to Barnstaple by way of
Bideford — — — 42
15th attended Morn.g Meet.g
with fr.ds at Barnstaple had a large pub-
-lic meet.g in a M.M.H. at 3
in the afternoon.
16th went to Bideford by
way of Orwood where we 10
dined at Christiana Milwards
a widow, in the evening had a very large
meet.g in a M.M.H. at Bi-
-deford w.ch proved particu-
-larly satisfactory, the peo-
-ple of this place appearing 1198

Brot up — 1198

of a superior cast bwell
inclined forwards. On the
17th retd to Barnstaple 8

The Country & Towns in
this part of North Devon
are most interesting and
beautiful. In the Evening
had a public M. in the MMH
at Barnstaple
again wt proved relief to my
ardt. 18th went to Torring- 11
-ton to a Meeting in a MMH at
11 o'clock wn was to satisfac
-tion, here we parted with
our dr Frds Jno & Maria Paul
also Jno. Veale whose com
-pany we had for abt 10
Days or more. 1217

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Boot. over —— 1287

21st went to Woodgate to the 20
house of Richd & Mary Fry ac-
companied by Jno Dymond Jr
& Jane Wilkie, after making
many calls on Friends at Ex-
eter, & dining at Sarah Wilkie's.
we were met at Collumpton
by Jno. Fry who kindly came
to meet us. On 1st Day Morng
the 22d of 9th Mo. attended
Fr.d Meet at Spiceland, abt.
20 members belonging thereto.
In the Evening had a satis-
factory public Meet in Fr.d
M.H. quite filled. On the
23d accompanied by Robt. Fry
we went to Breakfast at 1307

Brot. up. Miles 1307

Saint Fox's at Wellington abt

5 Miles distant from Woodgate 5

by way of Taunton

& went to Bridgewater to dine

at the house of Jos. Thompson 18

then accompanied by Mr. Sparkes

go. went to Sidcot to the house 17

of Arthur & Mary Tanner, the

latter a valuable Minister.

here we staid all Night.

24th visited the Schools

at Sidcot, after which went

to Bristol accompanied

by Arthur & Mary Tanner

to the house of James Dre-

-land Wright who with his

Wife Rachel received us kindly 17

Miles 1364

1833 Brot. over - Miles 1364

9 Mo 24. Attended the select Qu:
Meetg - abt. 30 Friends pre-
sent, amongst the rest, Thos.
Clark & Jos: Metford, things
feel low amongst them,
my dr ER had a little to
communicate, I hope suita-
bly. — Next day at the Qu:
Meeting at large, my ER
had an excellent time, came
into the men's Meetg accom-
panied by Marg.t Hoyland
& Mary Wanis spoke pretty largely
on the subject of managing
the Discipline & describing
the spirit in which it ought
to be conducted & concluded 1364

in supplication, after which the Meeting adjourned, an unusual circumstance at this quarter. ~~Meet~~ Met a 7, the report from a qr. Meeting Committee to visit the Mo: Meetings, ~~report~~ was read in wch they alluded to a case in the North Division Mo: Meeting whereon they expressed that impartiality had not been exercised, the Committee was continued, great diversity of opinion appeared respecting the Report, at length it was concluded to receive it & record it.

Brot over — Miles	1364
5th Day the 26th left Bristol bwest to Portishead to an evening Meeting with friends who are few, but some of them valuable. 27th went to Clevedon to a meeting with frds. abt. 77 members belonging thereto, our dear Geo. Withy came from Bristol on purpose to sit with us at this Meeting in which things felt low. West to Elizabeth Gregory's to dine a worthy Minister, after which went to Congersbury to the house of John & Lydia Nash to lodge.	13
	10
	5
Miles	1392

Brot. up — 1392
5

9 Mo: 28th went to Sidcot
& the following Day attended
their 1st Day Morng Meetg to
satisfaction, & in the Evening
had a large public Meeting
~~to~~ wch I hope was satisfactory.
30th had a Meetg with the
children at the school at
7 o clock in the Morng, the
number between 80 & 90, & had
an opportyat Arthur Tanner's
before we left, after breakft;
one of their sons apparently
going off in a consumption
but appeared in a desirable
state of mind, after which
ment to Bridgewater to a

18
1415

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23
10
5
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1833 Brot over Miles 1415

~~9 M: 30 on the 30th~~ Met with
fr.ds w.ch was agreeable, & after
dining went to Taunton to Tea
at the widow Clark's, & thence
to Wellington, where we met 18
our ar fo.d Jno Raymond, it-
being previously arranged
to unite with him in a visit
to the families of fr.ds in this
place, w.ch was commenced on
3d Day the 1st of 10th Mo; 4th
Day attended their week-day
meet; J. D. spoke, he del.d a good
Quaker sermon, one w.ch I did
have been approved by Jno
For I believe, my ar.t R. of-
fered in supplication. 1433

Brot. over — visit 1433

10 Mo. 4th finished the family
visit
has had 26 or 27 visits — 5th
went to Milverton accompanied
by Saml. Fox, paid 4 visits
there to 5 Individuals, 4
of whom are only Members, &c.
are all that belong to that
Meet viz: Richd Young, Ann
Young, Geo: Clark & William
Hewlett after dining retd to
Wellington. 10

Lent our horse & chaise to Taun-
ton to convey to Hopland — 14

10 Mo: 6th attended Meet
on 1st Day morng at Welling
ton, in the Evening had a long
Public Meet J. C. took a part 1457

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Brot. over . . 145

10 Mo: 7th Left Wellington &
went to Taunton, Guide Jos:
Tilney, Jns Dymond in compa-
-ny, paid 6 family visits
at Taunton in the course of
the Day. 8th went to Brid-
-water to the Mo: Meet for
the West Division of Somerset
my ar & Maria Fox both
took a share in the service
in the line of Ministry, the
business agreeably conducted
a young man was disowned
for stabbing his master who
was correct him, but the wound
or wounds were not fatal.
After dining at our kind fo.

Jos. Thompson's, we went to Sid-
cot, accompanied by Saml Fox 18
& John Young, lodged at Arthur
Tanner's, & the following Morn we went
to Chew Magna to the Mo: Meetg 12
quartered at Cyrus Owen's
Dan: Thomas residing in the
same house, a Com: of the Lu:
Meetg attended this Mo: Meetg
the frs. composing it were, Jonas
Sturge, Jas. Ireland Wright, Jos:
Clark, Henry Hunt, Saml. Fox
& John Young. The case of Jos:
Metford was before this Meetg
for having written & published in
the News papers some very
inflamatory Letters, calculated 1505

Protouer — 1505

to almost arouse the people
of this nation to the state of
rebellion, anarchy & confusion
& the Law & sundry frds on his
side rendered it difficult to
proceed in the exercise of
the Discipline in his case,
he having, & indeed was, in
the station of a Minister
& had been largely engaged
in this service, having
travelled much therein,
he also was a man of extra-
ordinary powers of mind
naturally, the Lu: Meetg's Com.
did not make way against
those of the Mo: Meetg who 1505.

vindicated his Cause, altho'
they might disapprove of
the tenor of his Letters, yet
J.M. haus signified he regretted
haus given his fr.d so much
uneasiness, yet he had not
evinced any sincere heart-
felt repentance w.ch such
conduct ought to have pro-
duced, it was a most trying
Mo: Meetg. Ret.d to Taunton 42
by way of Sidcot & Bridgwater
dined again at Jos. Thompson's
& got to Young's at Taunton on
the 10th where we lodged. 11th
resumed the family visitations
into the Country to two families 12
1350

Bro^t. over . . 1559

pursued the fam. visit at
Taunton, a Meet^g consist^g 57
Members, went into the Coun-
-try to visit Jas. Duck & family
also his Mother a nice old
fr^d. near 80 yr^s. of age.
after finishing the fam. visit
we attended their 1st Day Morn^g
Meet^g in which J & D very R
both took a share in the labour.
In the Evening had a very
large public meeting & I hope satisfactory ~~meet~~
On 2^d Day went to B. Water & 11
visited families there, had
17 ~~visits~~ very comfortable
public Meet^g, these were all
accomplished on 2^d & 3^d Day 1574

Bro.s up 1574

in the Evening went to Wel-
lington & the follow.g Morn.g, viz 18
the 16th of 10th Mo: went to
a Meet.g with fr.ds at Spiceland, 5
w.ch was agreeable, J & O. Dymond
with Sam.l Fox, accompanied
us, after dining at Tho. Mil-
ward, we went to Tiverton 10
to a public Meet.g in a M.r H.
large & I hope favoured, but after it
went to Wellington, where we 14
arrived abt midnight. 1742
went ~~to~~ by way of Taunton to Honiton
Lyons- 11
Sutton, called upon Martha 31
Thomas ~~at on the way a mem-~~
~~bers of Society~~. Lodged at Walter
Palmer's - 18th attended a Meet.g 1652

Brot. over . . 1652

with frds at Long Sutton, dined
at Robt. Palmer's, after which
went by way of Ilchester, to Yeovil, Guide Alfred 16
Gillett. 19th attended Meeting
at Yeovil with frds pretty
comfortable, after dining
went to Bridport, Josiah 20
Hannam Guide quartered
at Wm & Anne Forster's
whose company was a-
greeable & comforting to
us, attended the Meetings
with frds on 1st Day fore
& afternoon & on 2d Day had
a public Meeting frds M A
on 2d Day Evening the 21st.

1682

Brot. over — 1682

ad attended Mo: Meetg at Brid-
port, & in the Eveng had a large
10 public Meetg in the Indep:-
Chapel. 4th Day the 23d went 4
to Weymouth to a public in the Lgrs 4
Meetg in the Baptists Chapel 20
20 ch was I thot favoured &
satisfactory, Mr Foster &
Ben: Stephens were our at-
tendants, lodged at Weymouth
next morng went to Dorches- 8
er, the same fr. still with us.
here Mr Foster left us, & Ben:
Stephens accompanied us
to Marshall, where we had 252
a Meetg with fr. ~~in the evening~~ At Marshall
~~after which we all lodged~~ 1740
82 cars to New Bk

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Members of Bridgewater Mee

Joseph & Ann Thompson

Anna Thompson, Francis James

Thompson, Charles Thompson,

Melford Thompson, Catherine

Thompson, Eliz. Thompson, Mar

Holbrook, Thos. Eliz. Clark, John

Clark, Geo: & Sa: Jacob, Eliz. Clar

Reuben Cranen Payne, Edwd. Fallu

John Charles Abbott, Rich. Dawe

Mary Gilmore, Joshua Wheeler,

Sarah Martin, Thos. Kett, Jno. Kett

Ann Kett, Jno. & Ann Hornman

Wm. Parker, Foder Lawrence, Wm.

Sparkes Jr. — 30 members.

Members at Yeovil

Saml. Isaac, Saml. Isaac Jr.

Thos. Isaac, ~~Mary Isaac~~ Mary his Wife

Root, over

A Childers, John Tavener,
Geo: White, Eliz. Prichett, Josiah
Hannam Jno. Reynolds, Jno
Baker, Alfred Gregory, Rhoda
Martin Jane Martin, Silas
Martin. 14 Members

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Spiceland brot. on
John Henson, Saml. Hensonple
Rachel A. Coe

Barnstaple
Willm Baker, Mary Baker
James Veale, Saml. Veale

Long Sutton
Walter Palmer & 3 Children
Robt. Palmer & Wife
Alfred Gillett
Mary Motley
George Sames
Joseph Sams

Friends belonging Wellington Meeting.

Peter & Ann Payne & 1 daughter
Wm. Richards, ~~Ed~~
Edwd & Hann: Fox & 3 children
Edwd Hannam
Ann Fawcett, Sarah Richards
Jos: Gregory & 2 Sisters
Cath & Mary Were
Edwd & Eliz. Mullett
Eliz. Mullett ~~& Bridewx~~
Ann Mullett
James & Han. Mullett & Son
Mary Payne & ~~4~~ children
Robt. Simpson Wife & 2 children
Charles & Sarah Fox & 3 children
Eliz. Payne
James Parsons, son & 4 daughters

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Sarah & Eliz: Fox
Joo. Tilney, Alfred Bowman,
Henry & Rachel Fox.
Sylvanus & Mary Fox & 7 children
Grace Spence, Ellen Kingdon.
Saml. & Maria Fox & 3 children
Hann: Middleton, Ellen Knevitt

Members. 79

Spiceland Meeting

Rich Fry, Mary Fry, John Fry
Wm. Fry, Sarah Fry, Rob
Fry, Jane Fry, Sarah Jane Fr
Thos. Milward, Mary T. Milward
Thos. Milward Junr. Wm Milward
Mary Milward, Hannah Pin
Mary Vowles, Geo. Southey
Geo Southey Junr, Anna Southey
Jas. Southey, Saml. Henson

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Members of Claverham Meeting

William Morris and Son

Bishop Gregory & wife & 11 children

John Bishop and wife

John Naish wife and daughter

Joseph Palmer and two children. M. Eddington

William and Rebecca Palmer.

John Palmer and two sisters.

Ann Osmond and ~~two~~ nine children

William Eddington wife and son

Hannah Gregory and ten children

Elizabeth Gregory and son

Maurice Gregory wife and five children

Sarah Greenfield son and daughter

Edmund Naish and wife

Robert Baker

John Baker wife and three children

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Edmund Gurney and two sisters
Rachel Bowen In all - 77 -
Sidcot Meeting —
Jas. Fuller & wife 7 Children
A. T. Tanner & wife 3 Children
Chas. Stode & Daughter
Harriet Welsh
Hannah Gregory
Martha Miles
Mary Tanner
Jas^h. Miles & wife & Son
Rebecca Pitman & Sister
Abr. Tanner & wife 2 daughters
Robert Tanner & Son
Ann Bishop
Sarah Grigg
Betsey Grigg

John Frar & wife 3 Children
Saml. Seaman & wife 8 Childr.
Thom.s Follett & wife 7 Children
Geo Smith & wife 5 Children
Peter Welsh
Ann Stroate
Ann Read
Eliz.h Sergeant 3 Children
Ellen Meelyard
Thomas Ferris & wife 5 Children
Wm Batt & wife & Daughter
Jane Pilman
Thos. Hattersley
Barlon Dell. In all 86 –

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Members of Wadebridge Meeting —

Mary Fox
Mary Fox jun
Anna Fox
Charlotte Fox

John Browne
Lydia Browne } 3 Children
William Browne
Catherine Browne

John Parnall
Elizabeth Rawe
John Rawe jun
Elizabeth Rawe jun
Jane Rawe

Samuel Abbott
Sarah P. Abbott } 5 Children

In all 23 Members.

Number of public Meetgs brought 59

9 Mo: 22. At Spiceland . . 1

29. Sidcot . . 1

10 Mo. 6th Wellington . 1

13. [illegible] Taunton . 1

14th. Bridgwater . 1

16th Tiverton . 1

21st Bridport F.M.H. 1

22. Do. in Indep: Chapel. 1

23. Weymouth . 1

27 Bath . . 1

30 } Frenchay . 1

31 Bristol . 1

11 Mo: 4 Clifton Wells . 1

7 Kingswood . 1

10 Glocester . 1

11 Tewkesbury . 1

12 Worcester 1

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1833	Brought from 1st page	
	Public Meetings	22
8 Mo. 1	At Portreath	1
2 "	Helston	1
4 "	Falmouth	1
5 "	Penryn	1
6 "	Flushing	1
7 "	Perran Wells	1
9 "	Falmouth (2d meeting)	1
11 "	St. Mawes	1
12 "	Mawnan Smith	1
13 "	Ruan Minor (St. Lizard)	1
14 "	Ponsanooth	1
15 "	Carharrock (very large)	1
16 "	Praze	1
18 "	St. Ives (very large)	1
19 "	Marazion	1
20 "	Penzance	1
	Public Meetings	38

1833 Public Meetings brought up — 38

6th Mo: 21 — At Goldsithney . . 1

23 " Wall . . 1

25 " St Ann's (or Agnes) 1

26 " Grampound . 1

27 " Tucking Mills . 1

28. Troon . . 1

29. Kehelland . . 1

30 - Whealrose . . 1

7th Mo 1 — Port Isaac . 1

2 Wade-bridge — 1

3 Bodmin . . 1

8 Austel . — 1

11 Providence 1

12 Polkgooze — 1

13 Launceston . 1

15. Barnstaple . — 1

16 Bideford . 1

17 Barnstaple 2. 1

18 Torrington — 1

19 Estmouth 1

20 Teignmouth 1

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[illegible] At [illegible]

in Somersetshire [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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1833 Brot. over. Miles 1740

10 Mo: 25th — Sixth Day went to Shaftsbury to a Meet. with Friends, Edmund & Hannah Hatcher accompanied us, after which went to Gillingham to dine at the house of Saml. Hannam whose Mother & sister live with him, our Guide to Gillingham was our Kind Frd Edwd Neace. 7

After dining went to Wincanton Saml. Hannam Guide, quartered at James Bracher's who has a nice family of well ordered children, I think 8, sat with the few frds here & lodged. On 7th Day the 27th accompanied by our worthy ancient Frd Thomas Bracher in his 83d year (& who lately lost his Wife by a fall from the chamber window w.h he appears to bear with much resignation) to Frome 14 6

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1772

Mo. 1. 1772

Mo. 1. 1 mo.

where we sat with the fam. who
meet at that place. After dinner
went to Bath to the house of Ben: 14
Coxeraill who kindly sent his son
to Froome to conduct us to his
house. 1st Day Morng attended
Meeting with Freinds at Bath, &
in the Evening had a large pub-
-lic Meeting, solid & satisfactory.
2d Day called upon a number
of indisposed fr.ds at Bath, & dined
at Henry Sturge's, the day before
viz. 1st Day, dined at Arthur
West's. 2d Day the 28th accompa-
-nied by Ben: Coxrell & his daugh-
-ter we went to Bristol to the house 14
of Geo: Wright & his sisters, Elisha
Bates & his companion occupying
the beds at our former quarters
Jas. Ireland Wright's. We had not 18

Miles
1800

Bro^t. over.

before met with Elisha Bates
since his landing from America.
4th Day the 29th attended the
Week day Meet^g at Bristol, Elisha
Bates & my Wife both silent, Wm
Jones from Charlbury was at this
Meet^g & spoke both in testimony
& supplication, dined at Young
Sturge's. Spent the Evening with
Elisha Bates, a very sensible
interesting fr^d. 5th Day the 30th
went to the week day Meet^g at
French Bay (quarters at Francis Tucker's) wch was comfortable
my dr ER favoured therein. dined at Elij. Tucker's. In
the Evening had a large public
Meet^g at ~~F.B.~~ French Bay to satisfaction.
5th Day the 31st attended a Meeting
at Lawrence Weston with fr^d. only (accompanied by Philip D. Tucker)
to our comfort, after wch Jos: Storrs
Esqr took me in his Car^g. to Henbury

1800

Miles
1800

Brot. up

Cottages occupied by reduced Trades-
-men, beautiful places, then went
to dine at Joseph Davies', also
took Tea with them, after which
he conveyed us to the M. House at
Bristol where we had a ~~very large~~
public Meeting, the large house ap-
-peared to be well filled, & I believe
was considered a favoured good
Meeting, my dr E. had all the ser-
-vice to herself. — In going from
Bristol to Frenchay & from the latter
place to Lawrence Weston & from
thence to Bristol we travelled abt. = 20
On 5th Day attended week day
Meeting at Bristol, my Wife acceptably
engaged, I spoke therein, dined at
Jos. Storrs Fry's, took Tea at Saml
Capper's, supped at Geo. Wright's.

1820

Miles
1820

Brot. over

7th Day 11 Mo: 2d Mary & Louisa
Wright took us a most beautiful
ride thro' Clifton & under St Vincent's
Rock, over Durdam Downs thro'
Lord De Clifford's Park to the point
of Land from which we had a
full view of the mouth of the Avon running into the Severn to Opposite
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w.h a little lower down empties
itself into the Bristol Channel
dined at Gamen Ball's M & L
with us, also Jos. Storrs Fry & his
daughter & Wm. Ball. In the Even
Bruce Frank, the widow Steele &
her daughter, & a nice woman for
of the name of Kidd came to sup
with us. ~~1st Day 11 Mo 3 went~~
~~to the Mo: Mee at Frenchay~~ ~~to Opposite~~
~~my dr E. R. excellently engaged~~ ~~70~~
~~therein, dined at Francis Tucker's~~ 1822

Miles
1832

Brot up.

1st day 11 Mo. 3d attended Meetg at Bristol in the Morng, my Wife had much to communicate, she also attended in the Evening in which she was again engaged, — I went accompanied by Geo: Wright to Bath to attend a public Meetg appointed by Elisha Bates 10th. was very large, we retd to Bristol after it, dined at Jno Harfords. 2d Day, went to the Mo: Meetg at Frenchay, in wh. my Wife was excellently engaged, dined at F. Tucketts, after which retd to Bristol, & in the Evening had a large & satisfactory Meetg at the Well, nr. Clifton, a very respectable congregation, in wh. my Wife had to speak on the great impropriety of wasting their precious time in attending Theatres, Balls &c & Read Novels &c & wh. appeared to be well received, the people appear friendly after.

to bro 25

to bro 10

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Miles
1870

Brot. over.

3d Day 11th Mo. 5th attended the Mo:
Meeting at Bristol to satisfaction.
I much pleased to observe the christ-
tian spirit evinced in the transac-
tion of the Discipline, a number
of trying cases, some young persons
inclining to marry out, others
joining or leaving our society &
uniting with others &c & and at
this meet Jos: Ball (son of Richd was
disunited for failing & here are a
solid body of friends belonging the
Meeting at Bristol amongst whom
we have been really comforted.
dined ~~at~~ with our ancient friends
Jno & Mary Haring, took Tea at
Jno Grace's where a number of
friends met us, & we had a nice
opportunity in which my dr Elizth
Grace ministered to us.

1870

Brot. up

1870 to 1880 16

4th Day went to a Meeting with Jos. Pat Chew, sat next Jos: Metford in the Gallery, poor man, it may be said as relates to him "how is the mighty fallen" he was formerly an able minister of the gospel & very acceptable to his friends but by giving way to wrong things, he has fallen by little & little that he has become a burden & great source of anxiety to the church & in all probability will be removed from his station. After meeting dined at Phillip & Sophia Parker's & took tea with the widow, Elizabeth Thomas, & went to Bristol to an Evening Meeting appointed by my request for the young friends in this City who are very numerous, Mary & Louisa Wright accompanied us to Chew & back to our comfort.

1886

The Meet: with the young friends was very interesting & I hope will be a time to be remembered by many of the precious youth then present, my dr E. R. had much excellent Counsel to hand to them, also Saml Copper was agreeably engaged in this Meet:.

A testimony from the Mo: Meeting of friends of the West division of Cornwall held at Falmouth the 9th of the 4th Mo: 1833 concerning our beloved friend Dan: Fox deceased, wife of Richd Fox of Falmouth.

She was the daughter of Josiah & Deborah Foster of London, & was born in the year 1757 & died on the 12th of the 2^d Mo: 1833 aged 75. Deprived of her mother when very young she was exposed to many temptations, but abt. the 25th year of her age, & abt. 4 years before her marriage, she became decidedly

in earnest in the pursuit of those things
wch are most excellent. In the year 1797
she was appointed to the station of El-
der. She met with with a severe acci-
dent in 1806 wch rendered it necessary
to amputate a Limb, & the christian
patience & calmness wch she evinced
during the operation, excited the admi-
ration of the Surgeons, two of whom af-
terwards remarked, that nothing but re-
ligion cd have administered the support, wh.
was then so evidently afforded her. Towards
the close of the same year, she was acknow-
ledged a minister in which character her
communications were short, & offered with
much diffidence, though not frequent
were truly acceptable to her friends.
She continued for a considerable time
after her accident to be regular in her
attendance of Meetings held for worship
& discipline, within the limits of our

own Du: Meeting, but during the last
12 years of her life, her helplessness &
sufferings so materially increased, that
she was not only confined to the house
but was unable to raise herself from her
seat, or even to lift her hand to her head
without difficulty. Amidst these trials
of her faith & patience, her cheerful re-
signation, her habitual industry, & her
lively enjoyment of social intercourse
was eminently conspicuous, & her bright
example seemed to hold forth the encou-
raging language "O taste & see that the
Lord is good". During the early part of
her last illness, our beloved friend was
frequently tried by great poverty of
spirit yet she was at seasons enabled
to acknowledge the fulfilment of the
gracious promise. "To you that fear my
Name, shall the sun of righteousness a-
rise, with healing in his wings". At one

time, when under acute bodily pain, she expressed her hope, that if she should have to suffer much more than she had yet done, patience would be granted her, for she had sometimes feared, lest she should evince any thing not consistent with christian submission. On another occasion she said, "I have been more favoured this Evening, than for a long time past" adding, "How precious are the visitations of divine Love! nothing can be compared to them, this has been to me, a poor unworthy worm like the opening of a bright Day, after a dark night". She expressed her wonder with such a sense of her poverty & unworthiness, she did not feel fear or uneasiness in the prospect of dissolution, but altho' the retrospect of the past, was not attended with much condemnation, she regretted that the tendency of her conversation with her friends in

their social calls, during her long con-
-finement to the house, had not been of
a more edifying nature. On the 23 of
the 1st Mo: last, she observed "I think I felt
last night a little more faith to take hold
of the mercy held forth by a crucified Re-
-deemer." To a frd who visited her she
remarked, that she felt great difficulty
in keeping her mind so fully centered
as she cd wish, wch had led her to think,
how trying it wd have been, had any thing
now, rested on her as a burden, she had look-
-ed back, & seen that she had fallen short,
but she believed, that thro' mercy all her
transgressions were forgiven. She then
exhorted the frd to faithfulness, desiring
that she might be given up in great sim-
-plicity & singleness of heart to every open-
-ing of duty. Speaking in the evening to her
sons wife, on her responsible situation
as a mother, she observed "Thou hast an

arduous appointment, but thy strength lies in seeking Christ help; do not let familiy cares interfere with a daily retirement, & waiting for divine direction, even ~~what~~ in what may ~~be~~ appear small matters". In the early part of my religious course, I sometimes found it difficult to maintain this practice, but was always sensible of loss, when it was omitted, it appeared as if I had the work to begin again; since I have necessarily passed so many hours alone of later years, I have not always been permitted to get to the same sense of the divine presence, as when I pressed through some difficulties in order to obtain a portion of the day for religious retirement; thus it is not in our own time or will, that we receive the influences of the holy spirit, but as He is pleased to arise for our help. The daily sacrifice however is, I

believe acceptable and draws down the blessing. After encouraging another friend to faithfulness, even in little things, that so she might grow in the Truth, she mentioned her fear, that she had herself suffered loss, from giving way to a reasoning disposition, & from withholding small offerings in the line of the ministry; this she believed to be the work of the enemy, who sought to discourage when he failed to exalt. She expressed much interest in the welfare of her frds, & hoped they wd be concerned as a united band to strengthen each others hands, & to help in the support of the building on its ancient foundation, adding that the love wch subsisted in the Mo: Meeting of which they were members was a great favour, she trusted it might long continue, but to fear & fore fear was needful, for we must not expect alway

to see eye to eye. When addressing some of her grandchildren who were young, she intreated them not to neglect the duty of self examination, & to be very attentive to the teachings of the spirit of Truth in their own minds, by which means that which was opposed to its guidance w^d be brot. into Judgment, also sweetly recommending them amongst other things to cherish the feeling of love towards each other, & carefully to avoid ever becoming talebearers. She afterwards observed that as life ebbed, she felt less anxious abt. the future, that she was enabled to trust in the unmerited mercy of the blessed Redeemer, believing that her sins w^d be forgiven, & her transgressions blotted out, but not for any works of righteousness w^h she had done, adding, that she had never, even in her lowest seasons, doubted that the everlasting arm

were underneath for her support. In reply to an enquiry how she had passed the night she said, in much suffering, but it is only a little further breaking down of the walls, as the bodily powers decay, I have an increased confidence, that there is a place of rest prepared for me, but have nothing whatever of my own, on which to build my hope of acceptance. My only trust is in the mercy of God thro' the mediation of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ". At another time she said "It is a great favour to see the clouds dispersing". On its being observed that no doubt had been entertained that such would be her experience she replied, neither had she doubted it, tho' she had not always been able to receive the consolation offered by her friends

well knowing that she must look within, & wait for the arising of light there". She mentioned to an affec-
-tionate frd who had for many weeks sympathized with her in her mental & bodily fluctuations, that she had during the past night been much favoured in mind, & the prospect wch opened before her was so bright, that it seemed marvellous, so poor a crea-
-ture shd be thus comforted. A few days afterwards she said to one of her sons, "All is peace" I only wish the time to be shortened, if consistent with the di-
-vine will. A few hours before her de-
-cease she sent for a friend, whom she wished to see once more, in order to bid her farewell, & after intrusting to her care messages expressive of her love & interest for some young persons, she added, that the allotment was in a

"South Land" & her desire was, that they
might also have "Springs of Water". ap-
-pealing to a friend in an emphatic
manner, for oh! what is a south Land
without "Springs of Water"! a earnest ap-
-peared to be her solicitude that they
might be preserved from every thing "ch
might tend to divide or scatter. After
a pause she said in a powerful bren-
-pressive manner, "I trust I am a firm
believer in our Lord as a Saviour and
Redeemer; afterwards emphatically
adding, I believe we shall not be made
partakers of the benefit of his death,
unless we have his Life in our hearts,
this if suffered to prevail, will manifest
itself by its effects in our lives & con-
-versation" she further expressed an
earnest desire that friends might
attend to the inward work, not to be
laying too exclusive a stress on the

outward work. Our dear friend said little more than acknowledging that "All is mercy" before her ransomed spirit was released from its poor worn tabernacle to enter we doubt not into the Joy of her Lord. Her remains were interred in Friends burial Ground at Falmouth the 17th of the 2d Month 1833. She was a Minister about 27 years. Signed in the same Meeting by many friends.

1833 Mov't, forward .... Miles 1886

5th Day the 7th of 11th Mo: we employed in visiting many invalid fr.ds & others & in the Evg had a public Meeting in a M M H at Tuckwood, Ja.s Ireland Wright & his sisters accompanied us. 6th Day the 8th fr.ds more requested to generally to attend & we had I hope a 10

1896

Mile
1896

~~with Lea~~ Bro.t over
a good Meet.g in the large Meet.g
House, my dr E.R much enlarged
therein, after which called on
a number of friends & dined
at Isaac's Selfs, took Tea at
James & Leland Wright's. 9th left
Bristol for Gloucester, previous 40
to which had a nice opp.y with
Geo. Wright & Sisters, & after with
their servants, & parted with
those dr friends in much near-
-ness of affection, we went a
little out of our way to see our
fr.d at Frenchay w.ch was a
sweet visit, arrived at Glo-
-cester before 6 o'clock, quartered
at Samuel Bowley's, Wm. Ball
our Guide from Bristol, my dr
E.R was favoured to leave
Bristol peacefully, without

Miles
1936

Broⁿ up . . .
going thro' the families w.ch
fully expected would have been
the case, but having sundry meetg
with friends & calling on many
families in some of which she
had something to express, no-
thing more seemed to be required.

Members belonging Glocester Meetg
Gopsell Brown, Eliz. his Wife & 3
Children, Samuel & Jane Bowley
& 3 Children, Saml. Gates Wife & 1 Child,
John Fowler & Wife, Jesse Sessions
Lydia Fowler, James Palmer Wife
& 5 Children, Henry & Lucretia Ha-
chary & 1 Child, Richd Portlock &
~~Wife~~ Thomas Young & Wife, Thos.
Sturge Wife & 6 children, Mr.
Loyd, William Palmer, Thomas
Atkinson Wife & 1 child, Js. Cooke
& Wife, Reb & Eliza. Shipley = 47 Incl

1936

1833 Brot. over — Miles 1936

11 Mo. 10th First Day attended the Mor.g Meet.g of friends at Glocester, my dr. R. services I thot well adapted. In the Evening had a larg crowded Meet.g in an Independant Chapel w.h I thot very satisfactory & proved relief to my dr. Wife. On 2d Day Mor.g called on many fr.ds at Glocester & after dining went to a public Meet.g at Tewkesbury held in fr.d M.H. pretty large & favoured, lodged at the Widow Haulland's, breakfasted at Jacob Allis', & after calling on a few fr.ds went on to Worcester to a public Meet.g in fr.d M.H. w.h was very large & satisfactory lodged at Th.s Pumphrey's, Guide to Worcester Jos. Brown. 1961

Prot. ups

Left Worcester for Colebrookdale on the 13th (Guides Ben. Whiting & Jame Hughes) & arrived befor 6 o'clock we came by way of Kidderminster, Quadford, (a most beautifully situated village) Bridgnorth a pretty large & curious Town, a number of poor peoples houses being in the Rock. Attended a Meet of Friends on the 14th New-dale Fr.ds being requested to come, it was pretty large & satisfactory. In the Evening had a public Meet well attended & agreeable. 6th Day the 15th went to Madeley to visit a family of Fr.ds (Martin Randal's) when there took an opp.y of visiting the Tomb of John Fletcher. also visited Mary Tooth who had lived 15 years with Ma. Fletcher & who keeps up a similar Meet.g

1961

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to & fro 6

2005

Mile
2005

Brot. over . . .

in her house, has a room fitted up for the purpose, they meet at 9 o'clock on 1st Day Mornings wch. was the case in Ma: Fletcher's time; she appears a very pious agreeable person. We rode by way of the Market Hall & the Iron bridge. In the Evening had a large & very comfortable meeting in a M.H. to Ofro called Branlee, Dawley Green. In the Morn. we breakfasted at Richd Darby's, after which had an opy in which my dr E.R. had much to express to R. & his Wife also to his children. dined at Thomas & Ann Graham's, a precable frd. 7th Day, visited a number of friends to satisfaction, dined at Ann Rose's, took Tea at Jas. & Sa: Ruckley's, bred to our

2011

Miles 2011

Bro^t. up.

good quarters at Bernard & Ann Dickenson's. 1st Day Morg. went to Bro 8
to Newdale accompanied by B. Dickenson to a Meeting with Friends & others, it was very large & trust favoured, the people were very quiet & solid. Returned to the Dale to dine with Lucy Darby, where several fd.s joined us. Took Tea at Ann Sutton's, & in the Evening had a very large public Meeting at Coalbrookdale, to good satisfaction, at the close of which Friends were requested to remain & my dear E. had a little pertinent Counsel to communicate to them. 2d Day Morg. the 18th, we had a nice opp.y previous to leaving B. & in w.ch they were particularly addressed. Then came on to Whitchurch. — 26

2045

1833 Brot. over . . . 2045

11 Mo: 18th we had a large public meet at Whitchurch in M M to good satisfaction, my dr E R largely engaged, Bernard Dickenson took a part in the service, lodged at Whitchurch.

19th set forward for L'pool Saml. Hughes accompanied us home where we arrived abt half past 5 o'clock & found all very comfortable & were favoured with peaceful minds. . . Miles 2083 38

Add from hence to London 200

2283

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38

83

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83

86
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9
8
17

Number of frds Meetgs bot back.

86 Meetings.

1. in addition at Wellington

2 " " Bridport

1 " " Frenchay

90 Meetings with Friends

81 Do. with other people

171 Meetings in all & travelled 2283 Miles & were absent from home 0 Months & 3 Days. ~~At~~ In the course of our visit, the families at Plymouth, Falmouth, Austell & Liskeard were visited, also the families at Wellington, Taunton, Bridgwater & Milverton.

The Number of Friends Meetings I & R attended during their Western Journey in 1833.

Went direct from Liverpool to London & attended the Yearly Meeting, after which went down to Walden, & were at sundry Meetings there.

3 . Walden, Colchester, Cirencester.
3 Melksham, Glastonbury, Street.
3 Taunton, Milverton, Exeter.
4 Plymouth, Tideford, Looe, Liskeard.
4 Tavistock, Austell, Truro, Redruth.
3 Marazion, Penzance, Falmouth.
3 Wadebridge, Modbury, Kingsbridge.
3 Barnstaple, Spiceland, Bristol,
3 Bath, Bridgwater, Chew-magna.
3 Clanerham, Frome, Long-sutton.
3 Portishead, Sidcot, Wellington.
3 Yeovil, Bridport, Marshull.
3 Shaftsbury, Wincanton, Frenchay.
3 Gloucester, Tewksbury, Worcester.

Brought up

44. Number of Friends ~~up~~ Meetings

3 Lawrence Weston Coalbrookdale Newdale.

4 Places where friends have settled Meetings.

2 in addition at Walden

1 " " Cirencester

1 " " Colchester

1 " " Glastonbury

1 " " Taunton

1 " " Exeter

5 " " Plymouth

" " Liskeard

5 " " Austell

1 " " Truro

1 " " Marazion

3 " " Falmouth

1 " " Madebridge

1 " " Spiceland

6 " " Bristol

1 " " Bridgwater

1 " " Chew-magna.

6 Meetings with friends, carried back.

to Bideford & Torrington. Frm the Cabin
place Wm Fry of Spiceland (who came to
Barnstaple to meet us) accompanied us to
Exeter, also to Exmouth & Teignmouth,
Frm the Cabin place Jno Wolliar Dymond
back to Exeter. Frm Exeter Jno Dymond
to Spiceland, Frm Spiceland to Bridg-
-water Robt. Fry. Frm Bridgwater to Sid-
-cot Wm Sparks. Frm Sidcot to Bristol Arch-
-ther & Mary Tanner. Frm Bristol to Por-
-tishead a clever little Boy. Frm Portishead
to Clevedon Saml Wedmore, after Menge-
ment
to Congersbury. Frm Cabin place Jno Nash
to Sidcot. Frm Sidcot to Bridgwater Arthur
Tanner's Son. Frm B Water Wm Sparks. Frm
to Wellington. To Milverton Saml Fox
to Wellington. To Taunton Guide Jos. Tilney
To B Water Jno Young & Saml Fox. To Sidcot
again Jno Young & Saml Fox. To Chew Magna
the same fd. To Taunton with the same fd.
To B Water again . To Welling

tor again, Reuben Payne. To Spiceland same
tor, also to Tiverton with Mr Fry & Jno. Dymond
to Crediton to Wellington. To Ilminster & Chard
to Jos. Tilney. To Yeovil Alfred Gillett. To
t, Bridport Josiah Hannam. To Weymouth
ord Mr Forster & Ben. Stephens. The latter to Mere
nd Marshall. To Shaftsbury Edmund & Hannah Batchen
dy. To Gillingham Edwd. Neave. To Wincanton
Sid. Saml. Hannam. To Frome Thomas Bracher
Area his 83d year. To Bath Ben. Cotterall, Jor.
Por To Bristol Ben. Cotterall & daughter. To
Lea the kind family of Wright, accompanied by
also Elizabeth & Philip Tucker to London
Ab. to a number of places nr Bristol.
aish To Gloucester Mr Hall. To Tewksbury, Sam.
rthin Bowley & his sister. To Worcester Jos: Brown.
From To Coalbrookdale Jos: Whitey & Saml. Hughes.
Bre ~~Tot~~ B. Dickenson to sundry meetings abt the
ney Dale. To Whitchurch B. Dickenson. To
cot Liverpool Saml. Hughes.

Names of friends who went Guid
with Tol Dobson when on their Journey
to the West of England in the year 1833.

From Cirencester to Melksham
Wm. Brown. From Melksham to Glas-
-sonbury Wm Simpson & Edw Withy. From
Street to Taunton Cyrus Clark. From
Taunton to Milverton John Young.
Frm Milverton to Wellington Rich^d
Young. Frm Wellington to Exeter, Jos.
Tolney. Frm Exeter to Plymouth, Henry
Tregry & Ma: Dymond. From Plymouth
to Tideford Jos. Tregry & Eliz. Fox. From
Tideford to Looe Edwd Sansom who also
went with us to Liskeard. Frm Liskeard
to Plymouth again Jno Elliot Jn. From
Plymouth to ~~Kingsbridge~~ Modbury Robt Bishop's son Frm
Modbury to Kingsbridge Geo. Prideaux.
From Kingsbridge to Modbury again, Jos.
Kingston Jn. Frm Modbury to Kingsbridge
again Geo. Prideaux. Frm Kingsbridge to

Modbury again — Balkwell. From Modbury
to Plymouth again Henry Andrews. From
Plymouth to Tavistock Jos. Tefry & his
son Joshua. From Tavistock to Liskeard
Richd Longmaid. From Liskeard to Austell
Richd Esterbrook. From Austell to Marazion
Jno. Veal who also accompanied us back.
From Austell to Truro, Richd Davie. From
Truro to Redruth Sylvanus James. From
Redruth to Marazion John Budge & Geo. Cor-
nish, also the same fo.d to Penzance.
From Penzance to Land's End, Edwd
Crouch & several other fr.ds. From Land's
End, Charles Fox, who with his wife
were staying in the neighbourhood
to St Juste. From St Juste we went again
to Penzance, from whence to Hale a
number of fr.ds in company. From Hale
we went to Camborne with Jno Budge.
From Camborne to Portreath Jno. Budge &c.
From Portreath by way of Camborne to Hel-

Jno. Budge, Alfred Jenkins &c. set off to Cam-
bourne. Frm Cambourne to Falmouth
Jno Stephens & Wife. Frm Falmouth, Eliz
Fox & her daughter Charlotte to a num-
ber of places in the neighbourhood
& to Cambourne Phillippa Williams
with us, conveying my Wife in her
Carriage, Frm Cambourne Jno. Budge
& others accompanied us to a num-
ber of places about. Then we set
a No. Meet at Penzance set off to
bourne. Frm the last place Alfred
Jenkins to Truro. Mr & Mrs Tweed
ment with us to sundry places
Frm Truro Alfred Jenkins to Wade-
bridge. Frm Wade bridge to Liskeard
Wm. Brown. Frm Liskeard Saml & Sara
Rundell to Austell. Frm Austell
John Veale to Launceston. Frm Laun-
ceston Jno Paul & his Wife & Jno. Veale
to Barnstaple, & the same friends

Public Meetings held on this Journey, bro.t in other Book - 76.

11th Mo: 14th Coalbrookdale . . 1

15th Dawley Green . . 1

17 New Dale . . 1

" Coalbrookdale 2 - 1

18 Whitchurch - . 1

Public Meetgs - 81

No. 49

Thomas Robson
his MS

Dublin Y.M. 1820

7th Day 4th Mo. 29th — attended the conference of Elders at 10 — this Meeting is different to any held in England, it precedes the Y.M. of N.D.E. & at it the state of the ministry in the several Qu. Meetgs is represented, also whether there are any who appear in the ministry that are not yet acknowledged & if their appearance be acceptable or burthensome, or have met with due attention from the Meetgs — At 12 o'clock the Meetg of N.D.E. met — & it proved a solid one — On 1st Day attended two Meetgs for worship very agreeable sundry frds appeared in the ministry, there was an interesting appearance of a great number of nice young frds; I think I never saw such a proportion

of neat plain Bonnets, they seemed almost universal, far surpassing any thing I have observed on our side of the water. met the Elders at the close of the Meet as in London.
2d Day 5 Mo. 1. Attended first sitting of the Y.M. read Certificates of the Fr.ds in the Ministry who were present & proceeded with business as at our Y.M. E. Robson & Mary Cooke accompanied by Ann Stott & Rel Strangman gave us a visit to satisfaction —
4 o'clock Met & proceeded with Answers to Queries, in the course of which J. Grellet was largely & very earnestly engaged in recommending Fr.ds to maintain with dignity & consistency our religious Testimonies, dwelling on the importance of the 4th Query ~~stating~~ the meanness

there was in appearing one thing
to the society & different to others, how
hypocritical it must appear even
to those not of the Society to observe
the plain language used to friends,
whilst to themselves it was "you
& Sir & Mister", he also mentioned
in affecting terms the encourage-
ment he derived when a stranger
in a strange land, when his parents
were in prison, their property con-
fiscated, & he was hourly in expec-
tation of hearing that they had suf-
fered under the Guillotine, what
encouragement he derived from the
remembrance of the declaration
"seek first the kingdom of heaven
& its righteousness & all things ne-
cessary shall be added" &c
3d Letter - The acct. of Sufferings

were read & a paper for each Qu. Meeting called "Occurrences for the progress", informing the Meeting whether their Meetings had been held peaceably, & what ministering Frds had travelled amongst them since last year, with the nature & extent of their services, they were ordered to be recorded in the proper Book. — & Jones Ma. Watson accompanied by Reb. Strangman visited this sitting — Jacob Green accompanied by Tho. White paid a visit to the women's Meeting — Epistles from foreign parts were read & ordered to the Qu. Meetings — A petition to the legislature on the subject of the criminal Code & an address to the King on his accession to the Throne were prepared & approved.

The fr.ds from England who have
invariably rec.d from the Meeting
the most cordial welcome & were
treated with the most affectionate
regard, were invited to meet all
the Committees, except those of mere
pecuniary examination. — In
the course of the discussion on
the criminal Law, John Corran
an aged Minister of a most ve-
nerable & patriarchal appear-
ance, his long white hair flowing
copiously on his shoulders & the
benignity of his Countenance
commanding respect, & with a
voice loud clear & almost musical
appeared in testimony in an im-
-pressive manner, — he told the
Meeting, he had been 47 years a
member of our Society & never en

the whole course of that time
had suffered the cares of business
to keep him once from attending
a week day Meet & he had suffered
nothing from it, he had now suf-
-ficient, S G & W A & the women
visit & when they met G Jones
& H Croyd likewise
6th Day - Meet for worship was
held & very satisfactory - S G.
was large also E Robson -
at 4 o clock the 7th Sitting commenced
an Epistle from Ma. Cooke who was
confined by illness was rec & read.
couched in affec. terms -
7th Day Morng - 8th Sitting, oc-
-cupied principally in read the
Communications from S G & W A. rec
from Meet of Sufferers in London
& w.ch were read at the last Q M.

in London, after which S G.
gave a verbal & briefly of the
remainder of their Journey, in
which he mentioned their receiv
-ing kind acknowledgment from the
Queen of Denmark thro' the Am.
-bassador from Copenhagen at
Petersburg, of the Bibles & Books
sent by them to her from Stock
-holm wch. she received with grate
-tude, he mentioned the privation
wch. they endured after leaving
Petersburg, I think they were
2 weeks without taking off their
Cloaths & 11 Nights with no other
covering than cd be afforded in
a small open Boat, this, if I
mistake not was in the Archi
-pelago, yet under all their sufferings
were preserved in peace —

9th & last Sitting — Answers to the foreign Epistles were produced & one addressed to fr.ds in London & a long one to friends of Ireland, the latter principally relating to the def. branches of our religious principles, or w.t deficiencies appeared in the Ans.wers & urging friends to the maintenance of them with consistency & dignity — a deputation from the women's Meeting came in & gave the pleasant information that their business had been conducted in much harmony — the fr.ds who came in were R M. Jackson, & Eliz Pike & they were accompanied by Eliz. Robson under religious engagem.ts who was much favoured in the

communication of her feelings,
the Meeting under a solemn
covering of Good & I think I
may say, I never attended a
~~large~~ Yearly or other large
Meeting in my own land, where
in my Mind has more sensibly
felt the ownings of divine regard
to attend it, or wherein my mind
has derived greater satisfac-
tion, not only from the prospect
wch is afforded to the succeeding
generation from the consistent
appearance & serious deportment
of a great proportion of the dear
young friends, especially among
the ~~young~~ females, but from
the love & christian fellowship
wch constantly pervaded my mind
& I believe the minds of many other

English friends who were now at this M.M. towards our dear friends here, & which there appeared as Evidence was reciprocal, we felt it to flow towards us, there is one circumstance we observed worthy the imitation of English friends, it too often occurs with us that when the Clk has read the minute of adjournt, a general rising of the Meet takes place almost before he has resumed his seat, here a solid silence continues for a minute or two, wch is I think a great improvement — In our last sitting, our venerable frd John Conran informed the Meeting he felt himself in a great strait,

under a strong impulse of duty to go & sit with the women Friends, without feeling any thing upon his mind to express to them, he should rejoice if Friends could be free to take the responsibility from his shoulders, but he was encouraged to give up, he appeared absorbed in deep meditation for a few Minutes, when he remarked, he believed it best to go "Faith is the Evidence of things not seen" — 1st Day Morng. Meeting for worship very large & satisfactory — Ma. Watson, Jacob Green, Eliz. Blair & Grellet appeared in Testimony — The Lord Chancellor's Wife attended, there appears a great disposition in the Inhabitants of Ireland to attend

our Meetings when Strangers
are present —

At the close of this Meet
attended the last Meet of Mr.
N Watson, Thos. Fayle & Eliz.
Beerley were af. Representa-
tives to the Y M of this sort
in London —

1st Day Evening — public Meet
large & satisfactory — S Grettex
eminently favoured in Testimony
& supplication — E Robson also
appeared acceptably.

Extracts from two Letters of Daniel Wheeler's to Richd Cockin, dated ~~15th~~ 20th of 2 Month 1820.

I am apprehensive that some of our friends think when the summer is over, my work is over also, but this is not the case, my mind is often more engaged in Winter, than when the work is carrying on to its greatest extent, seeing that then, I have several assistants, but to the work I am now alluding to, outward help is altogether unavailing. I feel my self bound to serve to the utmost of my power the dear people amongst whom we dwell, but at times, such is the sensible weakness of my mind that I am forced to stand still, and endeavor to wait, as at the door posts of wisdom's gates, and when patiently abiding here, my way is at times

unfolded to proceed, in things I never before had any idea of. — I will endeavor to give thee some Idea of a Plan which opened on my mind in the Autumn of 1819, but I must first acquaint thee with the state of things here. — The Land principally belongs to Nobles, who have immense Estates, which are cultivated by the peasants, who are born upon the Estates, and who are the exclusive property of their Masters, both Men Women & Children, let things prosper or not, it does not affect them they are supported in a wholesale way, upon very little, they have no interest in any thing, and it is a common saying amongst them, "that life is not worth a Copeck", this is a very affecting circumstance. — There are also very large Tracts of Land in differen

parts of the Empire which belong to the Crown, on these Lands several attempts have been made by different Rulers, to improve the state of Agriculture, which of course is always done by foreigners being fixed upon them, who mostly enrich themselves, but no one else. — In the winter 1818 I visited a large German Colony, and was at several of their houses, but as the Country was covered with snow, I could not judge of their management. — Last Summer I examined their Land, Crops, &c and was fully confirmed in my belief, that they were of real use to any body but themselves, and indeed not likely to benefit themselves eventually, as they are fast rising into a state of luxury and dissipation; they have great priviledges, living

in good houses, are exempt from Taxes, and military service, and the land does not stand them in more than 1/ pr Acre dost thou think this can be likely to be-nefit the Russians, thou wilt I ap-prehend conclude with me, it serves to keep them just where they are, in a state of degradation & hopeless servitude; my object is to place the native Russians on Farms, but many difficulties presented, some of which appeared almost insurmountable, however the plan came so clearly before me, that I committed it to paper, and presented it thro' a regular channel, it had to pass thro' several depart-ments, but each approved of it, and strengthened by their approbation, it was pushed forward, and met with a cordial approbation from one who

lones his people, and wishes to make all around him happy. — It was intended that the land which we drained & cultivated, should have been farmed by us, which would have been proceeding on the old Plan of colonizing, it is now quite set aside, and last summer, we have been adopting my new Plan, and the results has been highly gratifying and encouraging. — The land is divided into small farms, from 30 to 45 Acres each, they are to be let on moderate Terms, yet amply sufficient to pay Interest for draining, cultivating building & land in time to clear the Principal also, the Tenants are to be under certain wholesome restrictions, as to the management of the Land, and likewise under superintendance, so as that the farms may be taken proper care of, & if wasted

assistance afforded in the management of them. — The Land on each side of the Road, in the neighbourhood where those farms are situated, is intended to remain in our hands, in order to preserve the neatness of the effect they will have on the road, and also as an Example to those farmers, more in the interior, where we also propose having a branch of our establishment, with suitable buildings, for experiments in agricultural purposes — Each farm will be cultivated by us before it is let, and will be given up all in grass, by this means the want of capital will be much lessened. — They are intended principally to supply the city with Milk & Butter, the Tenants will however be permitted to plow one field at a time for vegetables, tares, turneps, cabbages,

Potatoes &c and some Corn, but as much for the straw as to raise Corn. — As soon as the Snow drove us off the land last winter, I was called upon to furnish a plan for a farm house &c suitable for the occupiers of our small farms, and apprehending it would be best understood by a Model, I have been very busy constructing one, which has occupied much of my time, as I wished to afford every possible convenience, that is calculated to promote the comfort of the occupier, and also to provide suitable accomodations for the cattle & their Provender during a severe rosty winter — It is expected that several of the houses will be erected next Summer. — And I have lately furnished plans of the farms, shewing where each house & building is to stand,

we have already tenants in view for the farms as they become ready.— If those are favoured to prosper, I have a hope that the Nobles will see it to be their best policy, to divide their large Estates into farms, and place the peasants upon them, which I am persuaded would greatly increase their Incomes.— If when each farm had delivered to the store of its Owner, so much Corn, Hay &c and so many head of Cattle, sheep, hogs &c as might be stipulated; and then the rest of the produce to be their own, they would then have some stimulus to industry and exertion, and regard it as having something worth living for, thus with the divine blessing attending their labours, & the scriptures becoming circulated amongst them, & also the diffusion

of knowledge thro' the medium of education, their minds would become prepared to receive greater indul-gencies. — I have been very plain on this head, in an address I fur-nished some time ago to a certain person; for no good fruit can be expected from the virtuous endea-vours that are now using until the oppressed are set free. These things are fully set forth, and also the re-ward that awaits those whose obedi-ence keeps pace with knowledge. "Then shall thy light break forth as the Morning: thine health shall spring forth speedily, thy righteous-ness shall go before thee; and the Glory of the Lord shall be thy Rere-ward; then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry,

and he shall say, here I am: if thou take away from the midst of thee, the yoke &c to which were added several succeeding verses in this chap-ter. — This subject and another of equally great importance have rested upon my mind with much impressive weight, and on both I have made a plain statement, and I have cause to believe, all have been well received, and I not con-sidered an enemy, because I have spoken the Truth in plain Terms, I could enumerate more of the same kind, but I apprehend I need not add to convince thee how much my time is occupied, & that I have not much leisure. — I have had the happiness to see the land, which has been drained, quite free from Vapour

when all around was covered as with a cloud, so that while the comforts of the people are likely to be increased, the surrounding Neighbourhood will also become more healthy. — These would be all pleasant pictures for the Eye to behold, and the mind to feed upon; if there were no mourning nor lamentation or other accounts, but the state of things in a religious point of view is very affecting, & also discouraging, occationing the Query often to arise "What can be done for this people" to which the answer at this time is, vain is the help of man; and truly I am often fearful, that the creaturely activity of man, instead of helping, is marring the good work already begun in the tender minds of many, causing them from selfish motives, to stop very

far short of that undefiled rest which is prepared for the people of God, but it is my firm belief that their earthly wisdom will be confounded, and that the Most High will scatter them as chaff before the wind, and will magnify his own glorious power, in the hearts of his children, who, in simplicity are turning their faces towards his holy Mountain, taking of the things of Christ, and shewing them to these his little ones, who are humbled in fear before him. — After times of deep suffering & self abasement, love for the dear people here, more & more abounds in my heart, and often is the desire breathed, that the cultivation of the pure seed of the kingdom in their hearts, may not only keep pace with, but abundantly surpass & excel, that

of the waste by which they are sur-
rounded; then would the wilderness
be as Eden, the desart as the garden
of the Lord, Joy & Gladness, thanksgiv-
ing and the voice of melody be
heard therein. — There is a
probability of our removing when
the Spring puts in, to the other side of
the City, to a house belonging to, for the
estate of Count Romanzoff the Counsel-
lor of the Empire, a little more than
four Verests from the Fontatka, and at
2 Verests from Barnesi, on the great
road leading to Moscow, & to the Emperors
Palace at Tsarscozala, close to the
land which we begun to improve
last year on both sides of the Road.
It is an english built house, large
& convenient, with Out building &
all conveniences attached thereto,

there is a Balcony in front, into which the middle window opens as a door, the house stands about 150 yards from the road, completely out of the Dust from the same, & the grounds laid out in the front down to the road, it is adjoining the land & house of prince Dalgo-rucky, it will be rather more convenient for me, as I have frequent Journey's to make to the prince's Dowager's land at Pevalosky, four versts beyond the Emperor's Palace at Isarscogeta; but I shall have much greater distance to go to the land at Acta, the principal advantage likely to arise from it is, we shall always have a communication with the City, at present we are totally cut off when the ice is

forming, before being strong enough to pass over in Autumn, and when the River is about breaking up in the spring; and the education of Charles, Daniel, Sarah & Jane will be better attended to in Summer, as George Edmundson will be stationed with us on that side of the City; part of the establishment will remain at Mokta, with William & Joshua, during the Summer: I expect to have to be with them three times a week; it is expected that more land will be allotted for improvement in the Moscow Road next year, if not this, - We have had a very unusually severe Winter, even for Russia, we were a good deal alarmed for the children, the four youngest were very ill, but the One only compassionate

Father restored them again to health,
and they have since been better than
usual. — The rest of us have suffered
very little, which is a great favor,
Daniel had his face five times
frozen, but with timely care it is
no worse, a vast number of people
have been frozen, & the Wolves have
been driven in great numbers in-
to this neighbourhood, so that we
have been forced to stay at home
during the time it was dark, they
have been about our house as late
in the Morning as 6 o'clock & as early
in the Evening as four, the intense
cold occasions some of them to go mad,
6 cases have come to our knowledge
of persons having been bitten, & four
of them have proved fatal, and the
other two recovered, by having the

parts out out, & the places scored
with a Lost Dog, one of those is a
person we all know very well, &
saw him pretty soon after the Wolf
had torn his face, & also saw the
Wolf which the same Man had
killed close to our house, he remains
still in a hospital, our William has
seen him lately & says he thinks
he will recover, but he is much
disfigured. — Every thing is so
dry in this Country, as to occasion
Electricity to abound, if we rub a-
-gainst the fire place our cloaths
crackle on our backs, and the blan-
-kets on our beds when moved make
a noise like electric sparks, yet we
think the intense frost has much
improved all our lungs. — It would
have been very pleasant to us to

have had Stephen Gillett and William Allen in this neighbourhood this Winter, could they have been screened from the Cold which we have had to endure, their visit here has left a sweet savour, that I trust will lastingly remain on the minds of many — I had a letter from dear Stephen a few days ago, he gun at Verona & finished at Munich, it seems, the exposure they suffered in open Boats from Smyrna, the Ionian Isles, & thro' the Archipelago Islands & Greece, together with bad provisions & sometimes a scanty supply, was too much for dear William, & brought on a fever at Zante, where they were detained 6 weeks, his life was quite despaired of, but it pleased the Lord to spare to the world this valuable

and extensively useful Life a little longer, they met with every kind treatment from Colonel Ross the Commandant of the Island, and his amiable Wife, who furnished them with the best Rooms in their house for William's accomodation; inasmuch as they administered more than a cup of cold Water, surely more than the reward promised on common occasions will be theirs. — When Stephen got to Naples, he received a Letter from William informing him he was finely recruited, & again pursuing his prospects, in visiting prisons, Schools, Hospitals &c, dear Stephen's sufferings of mind were great after they parted, particularly while performing quarantine at

Bartella, his exercise was so great, in the prospect of having to go to Rome, that he at length became so resigned thereto, as, not only to be willing to go, but also to die there, if such a seal to his testimony was required by his Divine Master, he visited the Inquisition and the prison of that name, and his tender mind was made sensibly to partake in suffering with those who for the testimony of a good conscience had bitterly groaned in the Inquisition, when going about visiting the various cells, their sufferings seemed to arise in memorial as he ~~[illegible]~~ trod the places where they had been — The spirits of Molinos & others who ended their days in torments there, were presented to his imagination.

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He saw the secret Library where Books & Papers, condemned by the Inquisition are kept, and he carefully sought, but could not find any of our friends writings, he got on for some time without the least opposition, when the spirit of jealousy and envy began to work amongst the Priests & Monks & the people also, which much encreased, after he had visited the Inquisition; they said it was a thing unheard of, for a stranger to visit & pry into their holy secrets; that at the time he felt the sting of death about him, in the spirit of bitterness & envy, into which however the Lord had set bounds, he was going about the Inquisition questioning instead of ~~interrogating~~ being interrogated, — He "Blessed, my friend, is that

Holy Power, in which we have trusted,
& who continues gloriously to work
for his poor dependant servants; but
after all he had passed thro' in the
Inquisition, he could not leave Rome
peacefully without visiting the Pope,
he says, I was aware that the work was
rendered still more difficult by the
clamour of the Priests, and even Cardi-
-nals in the palace against me, and also
the Cardinal Consalue, whose heart
the Lord had knit to mine, & who had
procured admittance for me to the
different places I had visited; the
Lord however was pleased to make way
for this service, I was also about half
an hour with the Pope in his private
Chamber, with only one priest present,
but I was rather pleased there was one
beside the Pope & myself, as he might

be a witness to what passed. The Lords Power & presence was over all. He gave me a full and re-lieving opportunity, & his mind ap-peared open to the Truths I commu-nicated, assenting repeatedly to them, & at my taking leave of him, he shewed apparent marks of tenderness and kindness. — Thus I am particular my dear friend, knowing what an interest thou takest, in the important & peculiar service to which the Lord hath been pleased to call me, one of the least of his servants, and it may also tend to strengthen & encourage thee, under thy various exercises, in thy solitary & often discouraged situation. I am often with you in spirit in your small meeting, & feel for thy wrestling exercise, that the precious plants

may know the circulation of the streams of everlasting Life, to flow amongst you" — I thot the paragraph would be incomplear without the latter part, seeing it would be depriving thee of the knowledge of dear Stephen's humble state of mind, and the continued exercise and care he is under for the prosperity of the precious Cause if I had withheld it. — His letter is written on 5 sides, and abounds with interesting particulars. — He has had religious opportunities with the crown'd Prince of Bavaria, and with the King, I think I have a summary Acct. of his & Mr. Allen's proceedings ever since they left England, transmitted at different times, and in return I have written to them. — There was a letter of 3 sheets which I sent by a private hand

that I expect would be waiting in Plough Court for their arrival in England.

Daniel Wheeler.

Another Extract from D.W.'s Letter dated 20 of 2d Mo: 1820.

After an introductory salutation, he observes "I trust thou art aware that my time is pretty fully occupied, and that it is no small mortification, in addition to the sensible anguish I feel often at being exiled from Brethren & Sisters that have long been dear, but now dearer than ever, that I am prevented from more often renewing an assurance of grateful remembrance, and never ceasing love, thro' the medium of words in sympathizes with his beloved friends R. & E. Cockin,

in their afflictive dispensation of burying a religious young woman their daughter, well remembered by DW. — He speaks of the sweet feeling with his long loved friends, to whom his spirit is united in the binding influence of that Love which extends from the River to the utmost parts of the habitable Globe, mentions their great kindness to him, when with them he endeavoured to turn the battle to the Gate, uniting together in Love & harmonizing in sentiments, as their bows abode in strength, the arms of their hands were made strong by the mighty God of Jacob — But as the dream vanisheth when the sleeper awakeneth, so are these seasons departed, leaving me to gaze with wonder & admiration, & instructing my astonished

mind in abasedness of self, to adore & tremble at the gracious dealings of that Almighty Power, which has been with me all my life long, & altho' very few & very evil have been the days of the years of my short pilgrimage, yet few lives have been more checquered with vicissitude and variety — Cast upon the wide world an Orphan Boy, then cradled on a boisterous element, and educated as in the free school of iniquity, where sinners were my companions, but my self the chief. Oh! wonderous mercy! signally displayed in saving from the fire a burning brand, and following up from time to time with judgments, lod the far fled Wanderer, flying still, & still pursued till overtaken, & in matchless Love obliged to yield,

and reluctant to retrace step by step
destructions many track, and stop
at many a place, and in (I hope)
sincere repentance & genuine sorrow,
made to dwell on former scenes of
mispent time, and sinful deeds in-
-numerable, set in order for Judgment
every one, so as not to follow after,
or what would now be my hope at
this late hour, or where my refuge
if forsaken by that gracious Power,
who in so great compassion wrought
the miracle, and in the greatness
of his Love & Strength conducted my
straying feet beside the still waters,
and made me to lie down in the
green pastures of Life; who brought
me among the Assemblies of his
people, with whom I now feel pre-
cious unity of spirit, in the bond of

sweet consoling peace; and altho' far separated from them, I am at this day I trust sitting clothed in my right mind, under a sense of my own unworthiness of so great & unmerited mercy; much valuable communication which I do not transcribe besides — then mentions S G's & W A's visit. — In the midst of our greatest times of hurry & bustle, we have been favoured not only to hold our Meetings on first days, but on 5th Days also, which is rather remarkable, considering the state of things in this land, but way has been wonderfully made for us in this respect as well as in many other striking instances, and altho' we are few in number, and sensible of great

weakness, yet a precious solemnity is often to be felt to preside over us, as a canopy, which the Ancient of Days only can vouchsafe, or cause to be spread for the comfort & encouragement of those who in humble dependance wait for him.

We have lately lost one of our little company, whose mind the Son of Peace has mercifully visited, who is gone to reside in Fixtax; he is a solid Man between 40 & 50 years of age. — I believe he is thoroughly convinced of our Principles, and has lately begun to confess his Master before Men — it would have been pleasant to us to have kept him here, but I hope he will be instrumental of much good where he has gone — The Lord has

a precious seed scattered in these parts & not merely thirty. —

Part of an interesting conversation which took place between Dr. Everard (a Roman Catholic) and an acquaintance upon the influence of Religion in the regulation of the temper & the renewing of the heart. — Dr. Everard was speaking of a person Eighty Four years old, who was labouring under a complication of the most painful complaints, and had been deprived of sight for many years, yet was one of the happiest and most grateful of men. — Frequently acknowledging

the many blessings he possessed in the beautiful language of the Psalmist.

Acquaintance "To have attained so great an age & be cheerful with such infirmities, he must possess a naturally happy & placid temper".

Dr. E "Quite the contrary, his natural temper was irascible & violent." —

Acq. "Then what has effected this wonderful change?"

Dr. E — "Religion."

Acq. "Religion will certainly do much, but if the natural temper is not good, there will be moments when the mind is thrown off its guard, and the dispositions nature has given will shew themselves. We may reason with ourselves, we may feel the folly of giving way to irritation, yet when

vexations arise, who will venture to say, that with philosophic calm-ness they can stand their ground.

Dr. E. You are going my dear sir from our Subject, I was not speak-ing of either philosophy or reason, for these I know can do little. It is religion — religion alone that can controul the passions, subdue the temper, and infuse into the soul tranquility and peace.

Acq. "Well, putting philosophy and reason out of the question, yet I cannot allow, that the religious character can so far get above the weaknesses of our nature, that he will not at times feel the irrita-tions, the infirmities & the passions that are attached to it. You can-not think otherwise. —

Dr. E. "My dear friend, I do think otherwise, and if you will give me a patient hearing, I will explain to you my sentiments, I may say the convictions of my soul on a subject of the first importance. — I mean the regeneration of the human heart. — Man is by nature the most selfish, and the most irritable of all animals, the light of his natural reason is unable to subdue his evil propensities; and he who created him, with a condescension and love that must ever call forth our gratitude and praise, has planted, or put into his heart a heavenly principle, an emanation from his own divine nature for him to profit withal. — This divine Principle which we term "The Grace of God" becomes more & more

clear, as it is attended to, and it subdues, cleanses, & I may say, consumes all that is of an earthly, selfish & sordid nature. A soul given up to its influence undergoes a compleat change. A new birth is experienced, old attachments are done away, new affections, new desires, spring up, the spiritual understanding is illuminated, it sees this world in its true colours, and acknowledges the emptiness & vanity of all created things." —

Aeq. "Excuse me for interrupting you, but just give me leave to ask, if you believe Man can attain Perfection, whilst in a state of mutability?"

Dr E. Perfection comprehends every

thing, that I durst not venture to make use of so strong a word. But it is my full belief that by giving way to this spiritual Teacher, by attending to its dictates, its admonitions & reproofs, the soul undergoes such a complete change, that whilst in the body it is permitted to hold a sweet & intimate communion with its Maker, & when its frail tabernacle is dissolved, it is united to the fountain of all Good, in a union never to be broken"

Acq: Then it is your opinion that none but purified spirits of this high order are permitted an entrance into Heaven, and that the great bulk of mankind are shut out ~~of his~~ from it.

Dr. E. "Far be it from me to set limits to the Almighty, it is a subject I do not feel at liberty at present to enter upon. But you are again digressing from our subject: let me now return & ask if you are now convinced that a gracious God has not left man to be the sport of his wayward passions, but has given him a counteracting Principle, sufficiently powerful to overcome them".

Acq. "Your arguments appear to me so clear and conclusive that I have nothing more to say, only, to arrive at this state, must be a most difficult, though a most desirable attainment. —

Dr. E. "O my friend, that I may not only convince your Judgment, but

that through infinite goodness, you may experimentally know and acknowledge the truth of what I have asserted is my fervent wish: and believe me the attainment is not so difficult as you imagine, the work is not left to our feeble powers, we have but to cooperate with this divine Principle, to desire with our whole heart this purifying change, to be willing to feel as passive clay in the hand of the mighty Potter, and we shall be led ~~safely~~ step by step till the supernatural regeneration is effected. Let me conjure you as you wish for happiness to reflect seriously on your situation, to search after this divine light within you, to attend to its teachings, and expect no happiness but thro' obey it. — I can feelingly

speak to you, and I do solemnly de-
-clare, that after pursuing happiness
for years in the schools of the learn-
-ed, in the philosophy of ages, and
in the pleasures of the world, I found
her not till I became acquainted
with this pure and vital principle.
Let me entreat that you will of-
-ten retire into inward silence, and
under a deep sense of your own
weakness sit as it were at the
feet of Jesus. You will find a
strength given you, a consolation
poured into your soul, that at
present you have no idea of —
All restless and irritable feelings
will be overcome, every care will
be diminished, every blessing will
be doubled to you, and the evening
of your days will close in peace and

hope." —

The acquaintance was melted into Tears. — — — —

From "The British Press" 4mo 27 1823

To the Commons of the united kingdom of Great Britain & Ireland, in parliament assembled:

The respectful Petition of the undersigned, representing the Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, in Great Britain & Ireland: sheweth —

That your petitioners have observed with great satisfaction, the firmness & perseverance,

with which from year to year the Parliament of the United Kingdom had advocated the cause of the oppressed Africans. They have rejoiced in the belief that the iniquity & cruelty of the slave trade, continued to be felt & acknowledged by their own countrymen, whilst they have observed with deep regret the want of an effectual co-operation on the part of other of the powers of Europe.

Your petitioners, however, consider that whilst no legal provision is made for the gradual termination of slavery within the British dominions, the character of their country cannot be exonerated from

the charge of injustice. At the last yearly meeting of the religious society which they represent, there prevailed a deep feeling for those who are still held as slaves, accompanied by a firm conviction that this practice is in direct contradiction to the merciful spirit of the gospel, & to the precepts of its divine founder. And your petioners are impressed with a belief that the time is arrived, when it is their duty thus publicly to express the feelings of their brethren in religious profession in pleading the cause of their fellow subjects, who are deprived of the invaluable blessing

of freedom. They therefore respectfully entreat your early & close attention to the situation of hundreds of thousands of human beings now held in Bondage in the British colonies. Regarding them as their brethren & sisters by creation, & as fellow objects of redemption by Christ they earnestly beseech that no longer delay may take place in considering the best means by which they may be gradually brought into the enjoyment of that liberty to which as men they are justly entitled, and raised from that degraded condition in which every man is

placed, who is reduced to the state of a slave. Your petitioners do not presume to suggest to Parliament the way in which this desirable object may be accomplished. They are aware that great wisdom & prudence will be requisite in so providing for the gradual extinction of slavery, as that the slaves may ultimately come into possession of their liberty in the way which shall render it the most beneficial to themselves, and afford the greatest security to the colonial proprietors & to the state.

Entertaining, however, an unshaken belief, that the

religion which the author of our salvation has introduced, would, if universally embraced

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Signed by us members

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religion which the author of our salvation has introduced, would, if universally embraced & acted upon, ensure the present & eternal happiness of the human race, your petitioners are anxious that all your deliberations & decisions may be founded on the firm & immovable basis of christian principle; they are deeply solicitous, that, by publicly recognising the precepts of righteousness & truth as of paramount obligation, the British government may more & more commend the christian religion in the sight of the nations of the earth; and then they reverently believe, that the blessing & protecting

providence of the Most High will be continued to their beloved country.

Signed by us members of a meeting for conducting the affairs of the said society in the intervals of the yearly meeting.

London the 7th of the 2nd month 1823.

No. 69.

Peter & Abigail Barker to Rt Benson.

Thomas Robins

his Mark

New York 7 Mo: 27th 1827

Dear Frd.
Robt. Benson

I purpose devoting some of my time in making thee acquainted with the circumstances that are constantly unfolding in relation to our society, at this important & eventful period. I think in my last I mentioned that the Mo. Meeting of New York had appointed a Committee of 21, ostensibly for the purpose of dealing with or rather to persecute that faithful servant Ann Jones, merely because they choose to apply to themselves, her faithful testimony against the spirit of infidelity & of Anti-christ.

This committee have had two meetings in which they exhibited a very cruel & unchristian disposition

towards our dear english friends.
Francis Thompson & Mr Wright,
particularly distinguished them-
-selves as bitter enemies to these
friends, the former accused them
of coming to America to sow dis-
-cord, & cast fire-brands amongst us,
this bro.t out John R Willis, who
was formerly a decided & zealous
Hicksite, but who now abhors it,
in all its modifications. He called
upon Francis to know, whether he
intended in his sweeping accusa-
-tions against english friends, to
include Eliz Robson, who was his
Guest, that this circumstance called
upon him in a particular manner,
to defend her against such unkind
& illiberal charges, that in his fa-
-mily she manifested no disposition
that would sow discord, or throw

fire-brands amongst them. That he knew the accusation to be unfounded as it related to her, & he believed it equally so, as in relation to all our english friends, & called upon him for an explanation of his meaning, & to whom he intended to make the application. Francis then, in a trembling, hesitating evasive manner said "That he did not call in question their motives &c Wm Wright behaved in a disgraceful way, he was twice reproved, & told that his conduct indicated more of a Ruffian, than a christian. Noise & Clamour succeeded, & it resulted in appointing 3 friends to call upon the members of the select meeting to enquire whether they had dealt with Ann Jones or not, & it now remains for time to unfold

how this disorderly measure of proscription & misrule will terminate. The subcommittee is constituted of men who are not sufficiently clear handed to put the discipline in practice against any offender, & in better times past, wd have been considered, as the refuse of society. — It appears to me, that one of the fundamental errors of many of these self-complaisant nor-comprehending naturalists, lies in their mistaking the works, manifestations & emanations of the incomprehensible Artificer, for the glorious divine Architect; they superficially give the praise to the pencil of the Artist, & not to the Artist himself. They overlook the Giver; in admiring & enjoying his gifts, they do not travel thro' nature up to nature's

God. They are worshipers of what they think perfectability in nature, in the outward court of natures temple, & do not enter into the innermost temple of the heart; they mistake outward & animal sensibility, and excitation, for immediate divine inspiration, & their works proclaim their errors & their follies. They do not understand the meaning of the sublime declaration "That no man can see God & live", & the eye is not opened in them, that sees him in & thro' his works of creation, redemption, salvation & grace. They will not see him in his only beloved Son but their eyes are dazzled by the glare of outward & visible things, & they do not know it. They take up their Rest in them, & glory in the creature, which is its best & most perfect

modification, is corrupt & fallen.
They do not see, nor feel this fallen
state, nor do they know the true
means ordained for their restoration
therefrom, & further introduction
into the glorious Light & Liberty of
the Sons of God, in & thro' the only
begotten of the Father, full of grace
& truth. Poor deluded fellow-worms,
we must sympathize with & pity them,
as wandering stars, as clouds without
rain, as passengers upon the tem-
pestuous ocean of life without chart,
compass or pilot, as travellers oc-
cupied in admiring the beautiful
wild-flowers in the wilderness, and
losing their way to the glorious City
of the saints solemnities, the true
place of Rest & Refreshments to the
weary traveller. - On 2d Day the
23d of 7th Mo. E. Robson & Company

arrived in New York in good health, & evidently with those comfortable feel-
-ings, which are ever the sure attend-
-ants of faithful Labour, wherever they have travelled meetings have been largely attended, & at almost all places where they were held for those not of our society, enquiry has been first made to know whether she preached Hicksite doctrines or not, before she could obtain permission to hold meetings amongst them, and this is now a very general rule a-
-mong religious professors of other denominations, who dread the spread of this wild fire poison within their precincts. — Our dear english friends J & A Braithwaite & E Robson & Company went to attend the Qu. Mtg at Westbury (on 4th Day) the very Ful-
-crum of Hicksitism, there they will

meet with Geo. & Ann Jones, who have been engaged in that trying field of Labour, & where Ann has been thrashing the mountains of opposition, with the admirable sharp threshing Instrument having Teeth, her meetings have been well attended, the appointed ones generally very large, & she proves herself a dauntless & fearless Champion for the glorious Cause of Truth. Elias & his followers are very angry at her, & are constantly setting afloat misrepresentations & lies respecting her, & are trying all they can to stop her, but I hope all their unsanctified efforts will be unavailing, their weapons recoil upon the assailants or fall harmless at her feet. —

Why is it that the tender sex, the women, should be raised up to stand

so conspicuously in this awful gap! this enquiry appears to me to have some importance incorporated in it, & I cannot but believe that some of the strong & faithful among the Brethren in your part of the Vineyard, will feel & hear the plaintive moanings of deeply exercised spirits here, like deep unto deep in the drawing accents of "Come over to Macedonia & help us". — G & A Jones have returned from Long Island, the other friends intend to follow — Ann's doctrines there have been close searching, probing the wounds wch the spirit of infidelity has made & placing judgment upon it, with authority demonstration & power, & George as her helper has not flinched from the faithful discharge of his Duty.

They have attended the select preparative Meeting, the Mo: Meeting & first Day Meeting at Jericho, in the latter, Elias first arose, evidently with an intention of occupying time & standing in the way of others, he spoke in his usual manner against all outward ways & means as entirely useless to those who had come to the spirit, & incompetent to the end, as mediums of edification & instruction one to another, he represented the scriptures as a finger Post, pointing towards the road, wch. when the traveller passes, it of course becomes useless as a Guide & Director, & is left behind behind out of sight. He placed the doctrines & writings of our early friends, & all other books, & outward communications in the ministry,

otherwise upon the same ground.
His design evidently was, to call
the attention of the people from G &
A Jones, & to centre it in a depend-
ance upon the Igneus Fatuus of
their own imagination, or upon
the superior Gifts emanating from
him as an Instrument. After
he sat down, G Jones had a short
& appropriate testimony to bear,
when Aunarose, & was first led
into the expression of her sympathy
with the spirits in prison, her
spirit being baptized into fellow-
feeling with the suffering & perse-
cuted family of the Millis's, & was
in the course of her communication
led to notice the contradiction &
inconsistency both in the fact and
manner of the first preacher, in
testifying against that which he

was constantly & publickly in the practice of, that preaching was certainly an outward mean, & she supposed that he, & all others, who when thus exercised, preached with a view & solicitude to edify, instruct & encourage one another in every good word & work. She also remarked upon the inconsistency of undervaluing the scriptures, & at the same time quoting largely from them as authority to enforce their own views, & asked from whence the preacher drew the beautiful passage he commenced with. In this way she followed Elias thro' the tangled web of his inconsistencies to his own, & his followers confutation & consequent mortification. Elias then rose, & in a few words said, it was not,

because he could not expose the inconsistencies they had just heard, but because he did not consider that the place for controversy, wch. induced him to decline doing so.

Here the prevalent spirit of policy that appears to govern all his actions, again exhibited itself. It is well known that controversy, is his life & element, at all times, & in all places, when & where he has had less potent adversaries than were now before him. The circumstances attending upon this meeting, has occasioned much misrepresentation, & many direct lies, wch. originated with Elias son in Law, Valentine Dicks, many of them so childish, absurd & foolish, that they may be said to be pretty horse lies, as they proclaim themselves,

& can deceive but few. Among other things it was said, that the english woman had the presumption & impudence to controvert the doctrines & sentiments of Elias Hicks!! in his own Meeting, & to his face. — G & A Jones appear cheerful & pleasant, notwithstanding the buffettings & abuse they have met with. — I have no information of what passed in the select Qr. Meeting at Westbury. — In the meeting for worship wch preceded the meeting for business, A Braithwaite was extensively engaged in very close & searching labour. The succeeding meeting was a complete cabal, both among the men & women Elias Hicks gave the Counter Sign & opened the Battery upon English Friends. He said in substance,

That the meetings who granted them Certificates, must have been weak meetings, or deceived by these fr.d, or, the friends themselves changed since they obtained the Certificates, or I am much mistaken! He also called in question the authority of your London, Second Day Morning Meeting, as not known in the organization of the body, nor recognized in its Discipline. This Bro.t out his Retainers, the members of his, Polsy Comitatus! with all kinds of calumniating & bespattering Missels, w.ch they hurled from all parts of the meeting & from every direction at the heads of the poor English, without once hitting them, who it is said, stood the fire, passively, but without flinching! One person, the Runner for a Bank, who

is a popular Butt, proposed, that the friends Certificates should be endorced "That their company was not acceptable, nor their Labours edifying, & that the Meeting advised them immediately to return home!! Another proposed that the substance of the proposed endorsement should be recorded on the minutes of the meeting, & while thus engaged a messenger came from the women's meeting, informing, that one of the sisters wished to pay a visit to the brethren without any name being mentioned, but they were well assured, ~~that~~ that it must be one of the triple band of fearless Britons, & a terrible storm was raised in the Camp. Elias again commenced his attack upon the English,

who were assailed with Broadside, "Bellum hori Bellum" from all kinds of offensive & defensive Weapons, from the paltry Pop Gun, to the 18 Pounder, but the poor de-voted English were invulnerable, cloathed in the armour of innocen-cy, & remained firm & undaunted at their Posts, & the mighty effervesent fear & dread, occasioned by the anticipation of a visit from a wo-man, did not fume itself into eva-poration until it was agreed, that she should not be permitted to pass the Lines. However Elizabeth Rob-ins the dreaded Champion, that threw them all into such Panicks, had a full opportunity of giving it to them, the next Day, at the public meeting, wch she did in a manner that excited the admiration of her

friends, & the Discomfiture of her
enemies, & so ended, this important
Quarterly Meeting. 29th of 7th Mo.
being first Day, E. Robson was at
Rose-street & A Braithwaite at
Hester-street Meetings, & both ap-
peared in the exercise of their gifts,
& Elizabeth had a public meeting at
Rose-street in the evening, I under-
stand they were all satisfactory
Meetings, they left here to day, chear-
ful & happy, (evidencing that they
do not serve a hard Master) for
Purchase Qu. Meetg. I & AB we
expect to return here, & then proceed
to Ohio, & Elizabeth is bound to the
same State, thro' another Section
of the Country. — It is also probable
T. Shillito will get to the Y Meeting
in Ohio. — 8th. The committee in
Ann Jones Case with 7 of her

friends met yesterday to hear the sub-committee of three, they sat about 4 hours, & were so completely confused, that they knew not which way to extricate themselves from the Dilemma in which they were involved. — The three men-ly reported, that they had called upon 5 or 6 members of the select Meeting, & found that they had not dealt with Ann Jones, but would not say, who they had called upon, nor the par-ticulars of what passed between them. The report of particulars would not have done, because it would have placed them in such an absurd & ridiculous point of view, that they would have been con-founded & ashamed of their own Likeness upon the Canvass, they themselves would have exhibited.

It is known, that they called upon one woman friend of the select Meeting, & asked her, if she had discharged her duty towards Ann Jones, she told them very calmly, that she believed she had, according to the best of her ability, that she had been at several meetings with that friend, & had so fully united with her, in her faithful gospel Labours, & honest testimonies against the spirit of Antichrist & Infidelity, that she believed it her Duty to encourage the dear friend to persevere in the faithful discharge of her Duty. And no doubt, they met with something similar from others they called upon, so that in their mortification they incline to shift their ground, by taking the select meeting under

their care, one of them having said, it was not so much Ann Jones, as the select meeting that they aimed at. — J. Wright, F. Thompson and Mr. Wright continue to manifest the fruits of the Root of bitterness towards our English friends, their conduct is inexplicable & degrading.

Peter Barker.

Extracts from Abigail Barker's Letters to her husband P. Barker. (She being in Phila. & he at York)

"Mount Holly Mo: Meeting has declared Independance, & appointed a committee to inform Bucks Q. M. of their intention to join them — — — has taken the same step. A meeting of conference was held lately at Carpenters Hall (where

the Separatists hold their Meetings) in which those who were disposed to join the new fraternity were invited to sign a writing expressive of said intention, about 100 put down their names, it is said chiefly from Arch-street meeting. The work of separation seems to be progressing, & business increasing for the original body, & for the committee in aid of their measures. A considerable number in Crosswicks Mo. Meet; in Rancocas & Old Springfield particular Meetings, are deeply tainted. — Burlington 7 M. 16th 1827

Philadelphia 7 Mo. 20th

In the way of separation, things are rapidly progressing, at the preparative meet at Arch-street yesterday about 12 names were

presented. At Pine-street more
than 20 females were reported &
14 men, several on acct. of failure
in connection with their separation,
& several for dealing in spirituous
Liquors, as well as joining with
the Separatists. The Mo: Meeting
at Radnor was one of the most
turbulent & disgraceful scenes that
has occurred, the Committee of the
2M. were there, it is said, that after
the Radicals had persisted in ap-
pointing representatives, & making
their reports ready for Abington
2M. the few sound friends with
the committee remained in the meeting
House, in order to represent the
state of the meeting, & to appoint
some members to attend their own
2M with it, but it was very diffi-
cult for them to perform this

duty, owing to the clamor & opposi-
-tion, & finally shutting up the house,
until it was so dark, they could
scarcely see to commit to writing
what was necessary. — When the
men informed the women's meeting
that they had made their report
to Abington 2M. & desired them to
do the same, the clerk took no no-
-tice of the request, but proceeded
with the business as usual, but
this was not to be submitted to,
for after doing all they could by
talking without effect upon the clerk,
she refusing to take any part in
so disorderly a procedure, one of
the women took out of her pocket
paper & pencil, & made a minute
appoint representatives in con-
-junction with the men. It was
in this meeting that a young Lad

son of Henry Bawman, said of Jona. Evans who was present, "That he was the Vicegerent of Satan". I do not find that Doctor Parish has actually avowed himself by attending the meetings at Carpenter's Hall, but he has been one at Caucus Meetings, & it is thought a little more time will place him decidedly among the separatists.

There is to be a meeting of conference held soon at West Chester, (where Jesse Hersey now resides) for the attendance of Volunteers in that neighbourhood. Thus they are carrying into effect their strong measures, which tho' at present marked with energy & great zeal, will dwindle into insignificancy & terminate in discord, when the exciting cause, opposition, ceases to exist.

~~extract~~ Philadelphia 7 Mo 27 / 02

Extract — How grateful it is to my feelings to hear that dear H. Braithwaite finds her way open to preach the Truths of the gospel, & speak well of the excellent Name of the holy Head of the Church, surely whether the people will hear, or forbear, such will deliver their own souls, & the little panting, struggling remnant will be comforted.

It will be very interesting to know how our little host of faithful Warriors have fared on the Island of Rebellion.

I have attended three Monthly Meetings this week, viz. Northern, Southern & Arch-street, at all which the queries were answered in a very faithful, explicit & appropriate manner. — In the

Northern Mo. Meetg, abt. 9 or 10 name
of those who have removed to other
Mo. Meetgs & attend the Meetgs at
Carpenter's Hall, were brot. forward;
At Pine-street there were 24
or 26 names presented to the women
meeting among whom were S. ~~Roberts~~
Richards, wife & daughter, D Wharton,
& S. Fisher &c At Arch-street 15
were reported. — The business
of the different meetings was con-
-ducted with weight & unanimity
& much feeling was produced by
the unfolding of the state of soci-
-ety in the reports to the Qu. Meeting,
& the numerous cases of those who
have followed the Ignis Fatuus,
held out by deluded Leaders. Large
Committees were appointed in all
the Meetings to take the cases un-
-der care, & visit the offenders as

way might open. They were all solid satisfactory meetings, in which religious exercise was maintained & harmony prevalent. It is probable there will be many more names presented, but friends wish to move deliberately, & have not yet brot. any into view, but those who have joined themselves to other Mo: Meetings. It is expected by some that our dear E Robson will pass thro' this City on her way to the state of Ohio, it would be very pleasant to greet her & dear Ruth again, before they leave these borders. — Abigail Barker.

Sept. 8th 1827 — My spirit this morn is deeply depressed, & covered with mourning, so much so that all my energies are prostrated as in the dust, on acct. of the awful signs of the times, & the conclusive evidence wch. almost every day exhibits, of the alarming facts, that the true spirit & genuine fruits of christianity has almost vanished from some sections of the religious society I love, & with which, notwithstanding all their frailties & imperfections, my understanding & judgement associate in preference to any other. — I have just returned from our week day meeting, a dull heavy insipid time, very few assembled, plenty of spouting, alias preaching, all in my estimation more or less wild & eccentric, much better calculated to scatter & dissipate the mind, than to gather it to the true place of feeding. We had fine appearances

among them Maria Inlay, dis-
-played her erroneous self-suffici-
-ency, in the adagio of Song without
harmony, materializing spiritu-
-ality. Oh! how rare is true gospel
ministry, how rare the immediate
inspirations of Truth, that quiett
to the spirit in man a right under-
-standing, in our poor fallen society,
whose degradation & lapse from
the high station it once filled in the
favour of the King of Kings, in
the just estimation of the wise &
good in past ages, is as conspicu-
-ously exhibited in the exercise of a
miserable man made ministry
amongst us, as in the general de-
-parture in life & conduct of those
who feed upon & own such ministry
from the practical piety & righteous-
-ness, that once characterized their
predecessors. — I have long thought

that in the economy of a merciful
over-ruling Providence, physical
evil is often-times made the cure
of moral depravity, & as it appears
to me almost self-evident, that the
outward prosperity beare which many
professors of the ~~Lamb's~~ religion
of the humble, self-denying Head
& Pattern of the christian Church
are enjoying, have imperceptibly led
them to forget the Giver in the en-
-joyment of his Gifts, to take up a
fallacious Rest in fullness of bread,
forgetfulness of God, & cruelty to
man & that such portentous signs
of the times, indicate dreadful
calamities, such as few anticipate
& many are but poorly prepared to
meet. Immutable Justice must be
retributive, & for all these things we
must be visited by judgments mixt
with mercy, either in time or eternity.

& the past experience of every age de-
-monstrate, that He will justify the
honor of his Name & truth on the
Earth, thro' the medium of singu-
-lar judgments in Time, what has
been, may be, may, must, & will be,
as long as the mutations of time
exist, & the same causes, continue to
produce the same effects, under
the righteous government of the
all wise & powerful legislator &
Controller of Causes & Effects. May
we not therefore from fair rational
deductions, anticipate appropriate
calamitous judgments upon our back-
-sliding & gainsaying society, can we
not already see the rod shaking over
us, oh! may we avert the impending
judgment, by turning again to first
works, by bowing in humble submis-
-sion & kissing the Rod & Him who hath
appointed it. "You have I known

(above) or among all the families of
the earth, & you will I punish, the
time will come, & may be even near
at hand, when the sinners in Zion
may be made to tremble, & fearfulness
~~surprise~~ surprise the hypocrite,
who among us then shall dwell with
the devouring fire, who among us
then shall dwell with everlasting
burnings. They & they only, who walk
righteously, & speak uprightly, that
despise the gain of oppression, that
shake their hands from holding of
bribes, that stop their ears from hear-
-ing of blood, & that shut their eyes
from seeing evil, They shall dwell
on high, their place of defence shall
be the munition of Rocks, bread shall
be given them, their water shall be
sure. There eyes shall see the
King, (the blessed Jesus) in his beauty,
they shall behold the Land (as near

that is yet afar off. They shall no longer see a fierce people of deeper speech, than they can perceive, of a stammering tongue that they can not understand, their eyes shall look upon Zion the city of their solemnities, upon Jerusalem as a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down, not one of the stakes whereof shall ever be removed, nor any of her cords broken, for there the glorious Lord will be unto them, a place of broad Rivers & streams, wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ships pass thereby, for the Lord is their Judge, the Lord is their Law-giver, the Lord is their King, he will save them. ———

E Robson & Company arrived here this Evening in the enjoyment of health & chearfulness - On first

Day the 12th of 8th Mo: She appeared largely at Rose-street Meeting, she was in my estimation very much favored in exhibiting sublime & precious Truths, new & old from the gospel treasury, it was indeed to me and many others a feast of fat things. I will not marr the Idea thou may form of a perfect whole, by attempting to detail a part. I remember what Nicholas Waln once said, when a friend offered him some printed sermons of Mr Sawery, to read "I do not like printed sermons, they cannot print the Tune, they cannot put the spirit in the Type".

In the afternoon she was at Hester street, & was again engaged in a close searching testimony, & this Evening she is to have a public Meeting at Hester-street, I have just returned from giving notice thereof thro' the

medium of three or four Newspapers.
3 Day the 14th of 8th Mo. Last Evening
E Robson was engaged nearly 2 hours
in testimony & supplication, the latter
most solemn, the former doctrinal
clear & convicting, the audience re-
markably still & attentive, large
but not crowded, composed of the
more respectable classes of the
community. This morn I took leave
of her & her excellent companions
when they left N York to pursue
their journey to Ohio, with the sym-
pathy & affection of many with them
& altho' bonds & afflictions may attend
them amongst false brethren, yet
that divine power wch leads them
forth in the cause of Truth & Right-
teousness, the cause that is digni-
fied with the glorious results of
immortality & eternal Life will go
before them, surround them, and

from their never failing protection
& when they have made full proof
of obedience they will, I have no
doubt, thro' it, be returned to their
friends, enriched with that inestimable peace wch flows from a consciousness of simple dedication to
the cause of their Lord, my spirit
follows them, in ardent breathings
for their preservation, & my sympathy for dear Eli's husband and
family extends across the ocean,
& greets them. If Opp'y offers please
give my Love it will not be unacceptable from one so deeply interested as I feel for her who is
so dear to them, altho tendered by
a stranger.

P. B

Sir Geo: Drinkwater, Kirby near Douglas.

General Goldie, Nunnery near Douglas.

Major Tobin his place called Cesar Middle.

Colonel Murray, Mount Murray, ~~near~~ halfway to Douglas from Castletown

Major Stewart - Ballard

John Joseph Heywood Douglas, Deemster, Villa Marina.

John Christian Milltown near Ramsey, Deemster.

John McHutchin, Castletown Clerk of the Rolls.

Jno. Ready Lieutenant Governor Castletown.

Wm. Carpenter Minister of the Church of England Finch Road Douglas.

1836 } by Thomas Robson of Liverpool

7 Mo: 6 } Embarked on board the "Queen of the Isle" Capt Gill, viz. T. & E. Robson, Ben: Ecroyd, Marg.t Binns & John Thompson for the Isle of Man, in consequence of the Concern of Eliz. Robson to hold some religious Ms. with the Inhabitants. We had a fine passage of 9 hours, altho' some of us very sick. We took up our quarters at the British Hotel. 7 Mo: 7 visited sundry agreeable pious persons, among the rest Robt. Cannel, Samuel Broadbent a methodist ~~Mr.~~ Minister who had been in South Africa as a Missionary, also a local preacher of the name of Rich Thompson with whom we were comforted, being kind & liberal in their views on religion

Subjects. They very readily ~~gave~~ lent us their Chapel, notwithstanding it was the evening they occupied it. We called upon Jas. Holmes a great Merchant & Banker of the place, who treated us kindly. I met Jos. Geo: Drinkwater who invited us to his house at Kirby abt. a mile distant, & desired if he was absent we wd make free with the fruit of his Garden &c. The people generally received our invitation to the meeting very cordially. The meeting proved satisfactory, a good attendance perhaps 500 present.

On 6th day morng the 8th went to Castletown, quartered at the George Inn, procured the Methodist Chapel & sent the Bell-man round the ~~town~~ town twice, & gave notice over.

ourselves, about 400 persons attended
& proved a good Meeting. ~~The two~~ ~~Deputy~~
One of the Deemsters of the Island attended,
~~Became~~ came to see us at our Inn, ~~one~~
~~of whom~~ he was the Son of Jno. Christian
Curwen late member of Parliament
for Cumberland, his name John
Christian, his residence near Ram-
say, ~~the other his son in Law who~~
~~was in Castletown~~. 7 Mo. 9th We
were kindly invited to Breakfast
by Jno. McHutchen, Clerk of the ~~Rolls~~
~~Clerks~~ Rolls, who with his Wife
kindly entertained us, he has a
family of 10 Children. After
Breakfast returned by Coach to
Douglas in order to prepare for
two Meetgs tomorrow (1st Day)
left the other friends at Castletown,
a Meetg being fixed for this Evening
at a Village called Ballasella, 2
Miles from Castletown.

At Douglas arranged for two meetgs after considerable consultation with several persons, sundry meetings interfering with the time we proposed, could not do better than fix for our first meeting to begin at 9 in the Methodist Chapel, & in the Evening at 8 in the same House. Order'd 50 large Bills to be printed & pasted all over the Town with this information, ~~of Whitehaven~~

Dined with Mr. Miller, who was here on business, walked down to the Pier to see the Liverpool Steamer arrive, not many passengers on board, could not recognise any.

At Ballasalla the Meeting proved agreeable, about 150 persons present. 7 Mo: 10th. Held another Meetg at Douglas in

the Methodist Chapel at 9 o'clock in the Morning rather small, but solid & satisfactory. At 8 o'clock went to Meeting again more were present than in the Morng & a relief Meetg to my wife. 2d Day Morng went to Peel, to the Peel Castle Hotel, & got the Methodist Chapel for the Mg at 7 o'clo: in the Evening, sent the Bell-man about the Town & we had a large & favoured Meeting, house nearly, if not quite full, many genteel people attended, & great satisfaction evinced with the meeting. 3d Day Morning the 12th, invited the Landlady of the Inn who had lost her husband a few months ago to sit with us at our reading after breakfast, to whom my wife felt drawn to address, she evinced a tender sensible mind

Isaac Hodgson Wife & Daughter were also present, (having been settled at Peel abt. 2 years on acct. of Isaac's health) who were also addressed. These friends we visited at their own habitation & took Tea with them. After this opportunity at the Hotel in Peel, we set off for Kirk Michael, obtained the Ranters Chapel for a Meeting at 7 o'clock, & gave notice to the people who rec'd the invitation cordially. Is. Hodgson Wife and Daughter, also Sarah Gillett of Southport & her charge Mary Forbock came from Peel to attend Meeting here (K. Michael). When at Peel, we went to see the extensive Ruins of the ancient Castle, wh stands upon abt. 2 Acres of Land, in this Castle some of our

early Friends suffered imprison-
-ment. At Kirk-Michael we had
a large & good Meetg, house abt. full.
Staid at the Crown & Mitre all
night & comfortably accomodated
4th Day the 13th went to Ballaugh to
a Meetg at 11 held in the Ranters
Meetg House, well attended & a
favoured Meetg. A nice young wo-
man a School-mistress after Mg
came to us in Tears, saying "her
heart was filled up with grati-
tude". After which went to Ram-
sey, procured the ~~Wes~~ Wesleyan
Mg House, & gave notice to the
people by sendg the Belman twice
about the Town. Meetg began at
7 o'clock, a great many people
attended, altho' the house was
not quite filled, it was a very
satisfactory Meetg.

7 Mo: 14 Went to Kirkbride near the Point of Ayre had a Meeting at 11. it was remarkable to see the people come out so well, so that we had a large & good Meeting.

After dining at a Kind farmer's of the name of Charles Murphey Cormode's called Kinmeragh, we went to Kirk Andreas, my wife & I called ~~upon~~ at the house of Mr. Philpots but ~~he was~~ the Archdeacon, but he was from home & his Wife was confined to her bed by illness but afterwards I met the Archdeacon, to whom I shewed my Wife Minute, he was very friendly & expressed at parting his desire, that the Lord might guide us, & that his spirit might rest upon us. — In the Wesleyan M. House we had a large Meeting at K. Andreas

for that thinly inhabited Country perhaps 300 persons present. We were kindly accomodated at the house of Charles & Isabella Cowla at Ballaknaan, K. Andraes, after taking Supper with them we returned to Ramsay to lodge. 15th 6th Day. Left Ramsey for Laxey had a Meeting for the people, beginning abt. one o'clo. I suppose there were upwards of 100 persons present, this makes 12 Meetings we have had on the Island. We went to a Lead Mine abt. a mile from Laxey wch. is considered the most profitable on the Island, out of one Ton of the Ore, is extracted 72 Ounces of Silver. Copper is likewise obtained in some parts of the Mine, We procured some fine specimens of Spar &c. After taking Coffee

we set off for Douglas & had a most interesting Ride, the scenery being grand, had a very extended Sea View, the Cliffs rocky, & the Glens & finely cultivated fields in many parts, the Mountains Lofty & Rocky, so that the whole Ride was strikingly diversified & beautiful, arrived safe at Douglas abt. 6. O'clock, but before we got to it, we turned a little off & rode by the Crescent & by Castle Mona & to the newly erected Castle called

7 Mo. 16th Seventh Day, Henry Ecroyd, Jno. Thompson & myself went to Kirk-Onchan & Laxey to prepare for Meetings to-morrow, my wife not feeling clear to leave the Island without having another Meeting at Laxey & we succeeded in pro-

-cuning Methodist Chapels at both places, & we gave notice to the people & distributed many Tracts, having got a fresh supply from England. 7 Mo: 17th 1st Day, Went to Laxey to a Meeting at 11 o'clock wch was large, perhaps abt. 500 per-sons, it proved comfortable. After dining, we went to Rink-Onchan to a Meeting in a Methodist Chapel previous to which took Tea at the house of Joseph & Martha Biggs, the house crowded & the Meeting so-lid & favoured, after which returned to Douglas. — In the Evening had an opportunity after Supper with the Servants of the Hotel, & a Gentleman & his Wife who wished to be present. — Next Morning 2d Day, the 18th we embarked on board the Mona Isle, Capt Quayle

being a fine Morng, but we had a rough passage & some of us very ill, extremely Sea sick, I was thrown from my Birth by a great swell of the Sea, but not much worse, after abt. 9 hours passage we landed safe. — Altogether it was an agreeable Journey, & we were very harmonious & pleasant one with another, & the Meeting very satisfactory & favoured seasons.

An address from the Meeting for Sufferings of New England Yearly Meeting

"To the Preparative Monthly and Quarterly Meetings of friends within the compass of New England Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends

"In the discharge of the important duties devolving upon this Meeting in the recess of the Yearly Meeting, we feel it incumbent upon us at this time to address you, and inform you of some of the deeply painful circumstances that have transpired in Society since our last Yearly Meeting, in the progress of that separating spirit that is producing divisions among us.

"In Swanzey Monthly meeting for a long time past, there has been a want of that love and unity which are essential to the right conducting of the affairs of Truth. More than two years since, committees were appointed in that meeting to propose the name of Clerks and overseers of Society, but they were

unable to appear upon friends for their station. The state of this meeting had claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting's committee and also of a committee of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, previous to our last Yearly Meeting; and much labour had been bestowed by them to remedy the existing difficulties, and to produce that organization of the meeting that would enable it to carry into effect the discipline — the administration of which has been seriously interrupted.

"The Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting to assist and advise such meetings and members as circumstances may require, and way open for, with a number of the Quarterly meeting's committee then under appointment, met with those two committees of the Monthly meeting in the 7th month and united with a part of them in their proposing to the meeting the names of certain friends for clerks and overseers. With the exception of two or three individuals, all the members of these committees of the Monthly meeting either united with

names proposed, or expressed their acquiescence therein. They were accordingly reported by these committees to the Monthly meeting, and the report was fully united with by the large body of the members of that meeting. A few individuals opposed it; and the clerk, who was one of that number, refused to record the clearly expressed sense of the meeting; although earnestly advised to do so by the Yearly Meeting's committee in attendance. The condition of this meeting as it then stood was ~~reported~~ presented to the Quarterly meeting in the 8th Mo. which again appointed a committee to visit Swanzey Monthly meeting, and assist in its due organization, that our Christian discipline might be supported, as in former days to the honour of Truth.

"At the following Monthly meeting, the individual who had previously acted as clerk still persisting in attempting to hold that station contrary to the fully expressed sense of the meeting, and of the Quarterly Meetings committee, and of the earnest entreaty and advice of the Yearly Meeting's Committee — and the Monthly meeting

having again at this time (with the exception of those individuals who had manifested their opposition at the last meeting) united in the appointment, as clerk, of the friend who had been selected at the previous meeting; he proceeded to open the meeting; and the representatives from all the preparative meetings presented to him the reports from those meetings, and all answered to the calling of their names. Notwithstanding this decision of the meeting, the former clerk continued to sit at the table and to form and read minutes; and, to prevent confusion, friends, after having read the minute of the Quarterly meeting appointing its committee, adjourned to a later hour in the afternoon, by far the larger part of the Men's meeting and all the women withdrawing from the house, and mostly again assembling at the hour of adjournment to transact the business of the meeting. The persons who sustained the former clerk in his decision against the judgment of the meeting, with several women who were also disaffected towards Society, continued to

hold what they call monthly meetings, and in Rhode Island Quarterly meeting, in the 11th month, they presented an account purporting to come from Swansey monthly meeting, which was not received or in any way acknowledged. After the business of the Quarterly meeting was concluded, these individuals, with a few from the other Monthly meetings, both men and women, most of whom had, for a length of time, openly manifested a want of unity with friends, remained in the house and called themselves Rhode Island Quarterly meeting, appointing clerks and a committee to visit Subordinate meetings. This committee thus appointed has since visited the Monthly Meetings, and attempted to sit in them and be recognised as a committee from the Quarterly meeting, organised as we have described in a wholly unprecedented and irregular manner. Most of them being already under dealing as offenders in their respective Monthly meetings, and refusing to leave friends select, for the support of our Discipline, adjustment

has been resorted to in order to be free from this intrusion. A few individuals have been found in each of the monthly meetings in Rhode Island quarter, who, being disaffected towards the body of friends, have, under the advisement of this committee, united in forming what they denominate Monthly meetings, assuming to themselves the names of those meetings respectively.

"Thus, dear friends! a division in society has taken place within the limits of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting; but we are comforted in being able to state that the great body of friends remain united together, concerned for the support of the ancient principles, testimonies and discipline of our religious society.

"The cause of this schism we apprehend is to be found in a spirit of disaffection and desire for individual liberty that is not willing to submit to that necessary subordination recognized in our

"discipline, of inferior to superior meetings, and of each member to the body, which has ever been found essential to the welfare and preservation of our religious society.

"Attempts are strenuously made by the separatists to fasten upon the Yearly Meeting, and those who do not unite with them, a charge of unsoundness in our fundamental principles — an accusation which we are fully assured, is entirely unfounded in fact — as we have abundant evidence of the unabated concern of friends to maintain inviolate the ancient doctrines and testimonies of our religious society, as professed and sustained by our worthy predecessors in the Truth; and to support our Christian discipline

"As a manifestation of the care of friends to hold up to view those Gospel truths which we do most ~~assuredly~~ solemn

"ly believe, and which have been received by us as a people, we would refer to divers documents that have been issued by the Yearly Meeting or Meeting for Sufferings within the past few years, in which Friends are exhorted, not only to hold fast to those ancient and established principles and testimonies of our Society, but faithfully cautioned against giving any countenance to the receiving or spreading of unsound doctrines either by reading or circulating books containing them, or otherwise. The documents to which we specially allude are a "Minute of the Yearly Meeting" in 1836 — "An Epistle to the members of the Society of Friends of New England Yearly Meeting from the Meeting for Sufferings" in 1838 — The Introduction to the 'Memorials of deceased friends' published in 1841, as well as the Appendix thereto, being

"a reprint of "The Testimony of the Society of Friends on the Continent of America"; and "An Essay on some of the prominent doctrines and testimonies of friends", issued by the Yearly meeting in 1863.

"These candid, full, and explicit declarations, and the continued care that has been manifested by friends individually to observe the recommendations contained in them, leave those without excuse who still persist in charging upon Society a dereliction from the principles of ~~the~~ our predecessors in religious profession.

"Efforts, we have cause to believe, are exerted in other Quarterly meetings, to extend the spirit of disaffection, and to ~~to~~ produce divisions amongst friends; — and these efforts are often masked under the very plausible pretext of a concern for the support of the ancient principles and testi-

members of our religious Society. We feel it our duty ~~solemnly~~ affectionately to entreat and solemnly warn our friends of being taken in the snare that is spread for them. Brethren! be not deceived. May the Great Head of the Church, in His mercy, still condescend to watch over and direct us as individuals and as a body that we may be preserved from falling.

"In order that no embarrassment may be experienced by friends in determining what meetings are in unity with the Society, we have appointed the following correspondents to act until the time of our next Yearly Meeting, by whom all documents issued by their respective ~~Yearly~~ Meetings are to be signed, in addition to the usual signatures of the Clerks; and any paper purporting to come from either of those meetings, not signed by the appointed cor-

"respondent, should be deemed as previously
" For Rhode Island Yearly Mg. Thomas Howland
For Rhode Island Monthly meeting Jethro F. Mitchell
For Greenwich Monthly meeting Rowland Greene
For Swanzey Monthly meeting Oliver Earle
For Providence Monthly meeting Sam'l Boyd Tobey

"Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting for Sufferings of New England Yearly Meeting, held at Providence, by adjournment, the 6th of 12th month 1844

Samuel Boyd Tobey,
Clerk."

True copy with the exception of some insignificant words inadvertently written.
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Douglas to Peeltown	12	Do
Peel to Kirk Michael	7	Do
Kirk Michael to Ballaugh	2	Do
Ballaugh to Ramsey	9	Do
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Mr Peart Litt No. 11 George Yard
Lombard St. & Kensington Sqr.

Buckwhalley, a singular character, who resided at Douglas abt 30 years ago, built the house that Sir Wm. Hillary now resides in. — Buckwhalley walked to Jerusalem for a wager. He ~~[illegible]~~ jumped out of a two story high window, over a Mail Coach & broke both his legs. — He lived with the Aunt of the present Deemster here (Mr Jos: Heywood) as his Mistress, who it is said ~~stabbed him~~ murdered him by stabbing.

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autograph of
Th. Robson

written by / Henry Groom

Copy of a letter from John Rudge of Camborne to T.H. Robson of Liverpool

Camborne 12 Mo 14 1837

My dear Friends

Altho' you are a letter in my debt, yet feeling that I love you as formerly, and cherishing the belief that I yet retain a place in your affectionate remembrance, I have taken up the pen once more to address you; and how thankful do I feel, that, whilst writing these few preceding lines, a flow of what I trust is Christian love, has covered my mind towards you, bringing to my remembrance the comfortable & happy hours of former years, when, both in meetings, and out of meetings we were privileged and favored to experience the cementing influence of the Saviour's love. — Ah! my dear & valued

friends! may this love, and all the precious and excellent fruits ~~that~~ which ever accompany it, be increasingly dear to us! that, as we approximate, yet nearer and nearer, to the land of eternal and unchangeable rest, we may be sensible of an increasing meetness for its enjoyments, and know, when the chains of our captivity shall be broken, an "abundant entrance" thereinto happily ministered unto us, Oh! this will be the crowning blessing indeed; and an ample recompense for all the trials and conflicts, all the snares and temptations, — all the buffetings and besetments with which the cruel and unwearied enemy may be permitted to assail us in this, the house of our earthly pilgrimage" and then never more shall the feels the trials, temptations and woes, which sadden this valley of tears, Intrude on our blissful repose. Or be they remembered above, Remembrance no sadness shall raise, They'll be but news

signs of Thy love, New themes for our wonder and praise!" I little thought, my dear friends! when I began ~~this letter~~ to write, to express myself after this manner; but the recollection of the past has been brought so freshly and sweetly to my remembrance, that it has yielded me unfeigned satisfaction to dwell, for a little while, on the interesting subject. I have looked back to our little voyage from Penzance to the Mount; our small, but favoured, gathering there, and then our first day morning journey to the Land's End, and our memorable meeting there; then followed our interesting walk to the rocky cliffs which, on this spot, so majestically overhang the Sea, and the beautiful and boundless prospect which was here presented to our views & which so impressively called forth our unmixed admiration: it is true we had just tasted of the living streams that flow

from Shiloh's brook, and its peaceful influence was still covering our spirits, and hence, in humility of mind, I thankfully believe, we were unusually qualified to acknowledge, the love and mercy, the wisdom and the power of that all gracious Being which gives life and salvation to man, and which has condescended to impress, in so remarkable a manner, in the material creation, the evidences of His power & Godhead. In this review I must not pass by, unnoticed, the first day morning meeting at St. Agnes. You remember it, and so, I believe, do many more, even to this day. — Well, my dear friends! the fountain from which we draw is inexhaustible: — we are not straitened in Him: Oh! then let us not be straitened in our own bowels! He is the same that ever He was; still willing to help, to direct, to bless and to prosper the work of our hands. — Oh! for increased watch-

fulness, and increas'd dedication to His service, and devotion to His will! that thus our last days may be our best days, and that we may close with a song of triumph to His praise! My dear friends will, I trust, bear with me in all this — my feelings would not allow me to say less, and I hesitate to say more: I will now, however, turn to ~~a~~ subjects which more immediately refer to the present; and to the state of things, more particularly, in our own neighbourhood: — and first, the health of our poor blind friend is greatly improv'd; formerly the smoking of stramonium has considerably relieved his asthmatic affection; and, more recently, the use of sago, as a daily article of food, has effected a remarkable change in his general health and constitution; he walked to our meeting the two last first days; and will, if he continues as he now is,

be able to do this as often as the weather will permit. — Under a solemn sense of duty and after many ineffectual attempts, I brought forward, at our ~~last~~ monthly meeting in the ninth month an application for membership for him, and succeeded in getting Wm Hotkins, Wm Tweedy, Chas Fox, & Helper Jenkin appointed as a committee to visit him: this has not yet been done, but I expect, will be before our next monthly meeting. He continues in the same interesting state of mind as when you first saw him; only more and more established in his views of the spirituality of the Divine Law, and more and more convinced of the purity and holiness of the Divine commandment; and, may I not add, more and more conformed to its divine character. — What evil spirit, then, can have got into the minds of those unhappy men who are turning away from these things,

surely they walk in darkness and know not whither they go; and herein is verified the truth of that declaration "the first shall be last, and the last, first; for many are called but few are chosen". My earnest desire for these misguided persons is, that, thro' the renewed visitations of heavenly Grace, they may be brought to see from whence they are fallen, repent, and do their first works; and the first of some of these were, I apprehend, works meet for repentance, works of righteousness and peace: — dear George Richardson's visit, together with his no less dear companion, was truly cordial to my mind — I had been passing thro' deep waters, and the floods, to my apprehension, had well nigh overwhelmed me, but here "the Lord was my stay"! and I seemed to remember, as tho' it were applicable to my state, that saying of the Psalmist "tho' I am poor and needy

yet the Lord thinketh upon me." Oh! my dear friends, how good is it to drink of the brook by the way!" and how are we hereby strengthened to hold up our heads in hope! and again to anticipate the blessing of the Lord, that "blessing which maketh truly rich, and to whom no sorrow is added!" The more recent visit of dear Jno Pease was also truly comforting, and will, I have every reason to ~~believe~~ conclude, prove strengthening to many minds. The class-leader and his wife, (Joel & Ann Tarpye) respecting whom I told you many things formerly, are now both members of our society; and there is now, on our books, an application for membership from a sister of the latter — Other convincements are appearing amongst us, and we trust, that the good work will continue to spread and prevail till many shall be prepared to sound forth the Word of the

Lord from our Zion, and his holy Law from our Jerusalem; and whenever this shall be the case, it seems clear to me that "the slain of the Lord shall be many" Dear Sarah Squire, since her visit into Cornwall, has become my interesting correspondent, and truly sympathizing friend; — from her I have learnt some particulars respecting J. J. Gurney's movements in America: they have been of the most satisfactory kind: perhaps when you write me, and I hope this will be ere very long, you will inform me should any fresh intelligence reach you respecting him. Have you read Hant. Kilham's life, and what do you think of it? I observe in Jos. Pike's life there was formerly a query to this effect "Is care taken that no unfit persons sit in ~~our~~ meetings for discipline" Was its withdrawal a wise measure? I ask enquiringly? It will be interesting.

to me to be informed how the poor separatists are getting on in Manchester, Kendal &c. I have heard but little of them lately, and shall, I believe, if I am spared a few more years, hear still less. Our Quarterly meeting was held last week at Ireno, and was a favored and solemn season. Friends are, hereaway, preserved in love and in unity one with another, to a considerable extent: and on this state of things the divine blessing is promised. I have frequently thought of late that the Lord is preparing His Church for more abundant usefulness by bringing within its borders many that are truly excellent and by putting from amongst us, by resignations and otherwise, many, who not knowing the truth, could not live to its honor, ~~and~~ nor, consequently, availingly recommend it to others. "When the Lord shall build up Zion, He will appear in His glory." May we,

awarding to our respective measures,
be enabled to contribute something towards
this blessed consummation! and if
it be the Lord's good pleasure, may we
be spared to witness something of its
accomplishment! — and now, my
dear friends, having brought my little
matters to a close, I would again, once
more, commend you to the ~~Lords~~ divine blessing
and protection, and with the renewed
assurance of our dear and constant
Love, in which my beloved wife and
sister very fully unite, believe me to remain
your sincerely affectionate friend
Jno Bridge

Wm Tweedy and Maria Fox hold
minutes for service amongst us and the
public, and so does Cath. Abbot from
the western Mo. Meets. Porter Hotchkiss
of whose affecting loss you have, doubtless
heard, is in but feeble health; his in-
ner man, is, however, strengthened;

and he grows, I believe, daily in saving grace, and in the wisdom that cometh down from on high; his gifts are enlarged, and he has in prospect some weighty service: this he very feelingly adverted to in our last meeting of ministers and elders; and asked for, and I believe, obtained the love and sympathy & prayers of his friends.

True Copy Ty Robson.

A Testimony from the Mo: Meeting of the County of Tipperary, concerning Margaret Grubb.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them". — Altho' consolingly persuaded, that our beloved friend Margaret Grubb, recently taken from among us

us, has thus finished her course, and entered upon the everlasting Sabbath, yet we sensibly feel the loss which the church has sustained, in the removal of one long concerned for the promotion of Truth & Righteousness; who occupying with the talents entrusted to her, was often dignified in the service of her gracious master.

We are engaged thus to testify respecting her, & the sufficiency of that Grace, by which with the Apostle she might have acknowledged, "I am what I am". — This our dear friend was the daughter of Richd & Eliz: Shackleton of Ballitore, & born there in the year 1751. She was favoured with a religiously guarded education, wch tended to "prepare the way of the Lord" in her susceptible mind, for altho' her natural disposition was lively

and animated, & her company much sought, yet being early imbued with the love of Truth, & the fear of offending her heavenly Father, she witnessed preservation, & cherished a solicitude that she, as well as her youthful associates, might be redeemed from the evils of the world. —— In the year 1776 she was married to our friend Saml. Grubb, & came to reside in this Mo: Meeting: some time after which, she was appointed to the station of Elder, & proved to be an eminently useful member therein, being gifted for the support of discipline & concerned to promote family visits appointed by the church; in which service she was remarkably furnished with ability to explain & uphold the good order of society, as inculcated by our Queries.

About the 40th year of her age, she came forth in the work of the ministry, in which more public espousal of the cause of Truth, she was sound in doctrine, & pertinent in matter, being favoured with clear openings, & enabled with dignified simplicity to explain the holy scriptures, & to elucidate one passage thereof by another.

At different times she visited all the Meetings in this nation, & in several places the families of friends, being peculiarly qualified for this arduous engagement. She was exemplary in the attendance of her Quarterly and Yearly Meetings; & even when suffering under bodily weakness & infirmity, frequently assembled with her friends for the solemn purpose of worship, to the refreshment

of her own spirit, & the encouragement of others. She sustained a long & trying illness with patience & resignation to the divine will.

The last severe attack of her disorder was short, & her religious communications during that period, much confined to her children & grandchildren, to whom we believe she was enabled to impart advice & counsel adapted to their different states. Near the close, she said, "My warfare is nearly accomplished", adding with great humility, "& I hope my iniquities pardoned". And at another time, "Oh Lord! be pleased to take me to thyself, to be dissolved, & to be with Christ". — In thus endeavouring to trace some of the footsteps of this devoted servant, we wish encouragingly to impress the minds of

survivors, especially those in early Life, with the animating consideration, that, He, who was the stay of her youth, supported her thro' the conflicts & ~~vicis~~ vicissitudes of time, & continued to be her stay in the solemn termination. — She departed this Life on the 6th of the 2d Month 1829 in the 78th year of her age & 38th of her ministry, & was interred in Friends burying ground at Clonmel the 9th of the same Month. — Given forth by the Mo: Meeting for the County of Tipperary, held at Clonmel the 2d of 4th Mo: 1829. & in, & on behalf thereof signed by - Abraham Grubb Jos: Grubb (Benj:) Wm. Fennel, Saml Fayle, Isaac Jacob, J. B. Clibborn & Annel Grubb, M E. Strangman, Susa Grubb, Margt Grubb, Charlotte Moore Mary Evans, Eliz: Clibborn &c &c -

Geo: Whitehead to Benj: Lindley.

London 1st of 10mo: 1694

Loving Friend / With my love in the Truth, to thee & all faithful friends. In answer to thine of the 23d of 9th Mo. I am sorry that a spirit of opposition and division is got up among friends that way, to exercise them, & that J. H. does any way take part with the opposition, as also that he takes upon him so severely to judge and prophesy against other friends & brethren; I pity him, & he must be dealt tenderly, yet plainly with, for his instruction, his state is dangerous. I forbear at present to send a copy of his late severe prophesy against me, being first about sending him my answer thereunto, as knowing my own clearness & innocency. — As to the dispute about the garden of Eden, its being

not outward, nor local, 'tis strange such a notion should be preached or ~~contended~~ contested, as man was at first placed both in an outward Paradice, & also in an inward: The earthly Paradice, wherein man was placed at his creation, was a figure or type of the heavenly or celestial Paradice & Seat of Glory, wherein the Tree of Life was; all which was a mystery typified by the outward Eden & Paradice. see Rev: 2.7 & 22.2 Luke 23.43. 2 Cor. 12.2.4. compared with Gen: 2.15 & 3.23 & 4.16. Isa: 51.3 Ezek: 36.35. Joel 2.3. Man being a more excellent creature, as in God's own Image, doubtless was placed in an excellent place & situation both inward & outward, also: but I hope spiritually minded friends need little information in this matter.

As to Geo: Keith, he has not set

up a separate ~~m~~ Meeting here, as I know, but is mostly joined or conversant with the separate Meeting in Harp-lane, that was set up before he came over; he comes not amongst us of late: as to the number of his hearers I know not, but if there were a hundred separate Meetings in & about this City, I believe many hundreds would go to hear & see, & yet our public Meetings be nevertheless. That eminent Fr.d in Bishoprick, that invited him down thither, should be advised to retract his invitation, untie G. Keith be reconciled, & cease printing against such Friends & brethren as are in union & reconciliation, otherwise the said Friend may have cause to rue his invitation if it should be accepted. — I had not time to write sooner, having been

a Journey lately, & many other ser-
-vices coming upon me. — I remain
thy loving friend in the Truth
Geo: Whitehead.

Friends mentioned in Daniel Stanton's Journal whom he met in this Country, that had visited America in a religious capacity viz: Christopher Wilson, Margt Coupland, Lydia Lancaster, Elizabeth Rawlinson, Wm Backhouse, John Burton, Alice Alderson, Jos: Taylor, John Richardson, John Haslam, Edmund Peckover, Benjamin Kidd, Rachel Wilson, Cath: Payton, Saml Hopwood, John Hunt, Saml Bownas,

In Edmund Peckover's Journal he mentions, Saml Hopwood, John Haslam, Chris: Wilson, Eleazar Sheldon, ~~being~~ all english friends, who with himself were at the Yly in Philadelphia at 1743.

Wapping 10th of 9th Mo: 1749.

Much esteemed Friend

Peter Piesley / As I have had the pleasure of several months intimate acquaintance with my dear friend Mary Piesley, thy valuable Daughter, have found my mind inclined to write thee a few Lines, thinking it might afford thee some satisfaction to hear of her welfare & steady progress in duty; Tho' as I have had greater proof of her ministry, conversation & conduct, than any one else in our nation, was willing to give thee my sentiments of her, wherein many unite with me in Judgment, as far as they have experienced; but it has been my happy lot to accompany her through seven counties, which I must say, was not only a pleasant task, being attended with solid peace, in discharging this

act of friendship, to one so worthily meriting all the regard in our power to manifest, & had the evidence, that I was in the way of my duty therein; and may say with thankfulness, I have found it a time of profit, though had no small share of exercises while together, my dear companion being often baptized into a feeling sense of the states of the churches, to which indeed she spoke as an Oracle of God. Oh! the wisdom & power of Truth, that shines through her, in the beauty of the spirit, my soul has worshipped many times in reverence to behold, in adoration of that divine Being, who, in this declining age, has raised up & qualified such a glorious Instrument. - I freely confess I know none to equal her of the rising generation, in my esteem, & I am not alone in this opinion. Her

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sweetness resembling the divine
Image; yea, in all things she de-
=clares conspicuously she has been
with Jesus, with Him who has wash-
=ed, cleansed & made beautiful, hav-
=ing first stripped, then clothed with
the Robe of Righteousness, & those
stripping seasons are almost her

daily experience, being proved herein beyond many, which keeps under the creaturely part, whereto she is as one dead, & dare not move until He, who is her life doth appear, then doth she with Him appear in the glory of His divine Majesty, to the honour of the Cause she is engaged in. — Blessed for ever be the name of the Lord, who is making choice of such a Remnant in this our day, as in days past, & fitting them for his service, who are willing to be as passive clay in his holy hands, as I think my endeared friend, and nearly united companion is; in which, with ~~many~~ almost every other part of her conduct, have begged I might be enabled to follow her good example, for indeed she is a pattern to the believers, who have been in Christ long before her, and

to many that have been called with the same high & holy calling, that have acknowledged in my hearing, she had far outstripped them, which I believe is a certain Truth, for re=
=ally she has made great progress in true Religion, for the short time her feet has been turned into the heavenly path. I do not write this, dear friend, to exalt the crea=
=ture, but must say, to the praise, of the great All-wise Creator, mar=
=vellous are His works, who is the Author of every good & perfect Gift, & that my soul knows right well, hav=
=ing witnessed of his gracious deal=
=ings, & been in like manner as a brand plucked out of the fire. A monument of infinite mercy, therefore, dare not with-hold the praise & glory justly his due. — I did not expect to have written after this manner when I

began, but I thought my mind was drawn into uncommon meaness to=
=wards thee, considering we are stran=
=gers to each other outwardly, & have been led to sympathize with thy exercised mind, which I doubt not is often in earnest travel before the Lord on account of thy dear child, that she may be preserved through all the heights & depths, & various prov=
=ings she may meet with in this great undertaking, so as to return to her native land, with Sheaves of Joy, & the answer of Well done, which I have good ground to believe will be her blessed Reward. She has now got thro' more than half her Journey, & I suppose the worst, as to outward hardships, & may be, inward, also.

We parted at Bristol this day week, after staying six days therein. I was hastened home by the indispos=
=tion

of my dear husband, who is now
thro' divine favour bravely recover'd.
Dear Molly was not easy without
staying another first day in the
City, which I, as well as friends
generally were glad of, she having
the universal esteem of the best
of friends wherever she comes, &
greatly admired in the exercise
of her Gift. She is now in Glou-
=cestershire, from whence she intends
for Wiltshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire,
Northamptonshire, Huntingdonshire
Cambridgeshire & to Norfolk. She
has been blessed with the enjoy=
=ment of good health, not being stopp.
=ed one day whilst we were together,
yet travelled harder than most, &
so pressed in mind to accomplish
her Journey, no persuasion for staying
in any place longer than she belie=
=ed it her duty to do, had any effect.

We would gladly have had her in London this Winter, if she had seen it her place, but as she goes eastward first, it will be near spring before she can reach our City; tho' our friends are almost impatient for her, she having a great name among us; but the dear Girl avoids popu=lar applause, & appears in a safe spot at present: the Lord preserve her so, saith my soul. – Dear friend, I have let my pen run freely in disclosing my thoughts to thee, in great good-will, having in view to comfort ~~thee~~ a little with this grateful acct., in the time you are tried with her be=ing separated from you, to whom I am sure she must be very dear: & as it is given from experience, I hope it will be received in the same love in which it is sent: but perhaps some may say, I am prejudiced in her favour,

which may be true, for I own I love her beyond expression, & would do any thing in my power to serve her, by night, or by day; I should think it a blessing to have her con=
=tinually with me. — We travelled above fifteen hundred miles toge=
=ther, & the longer I was with her, the harder it was to part; I heard yester=
=day, she has a very agreeable com=
=panion who goes thro' Wiltshire with her, & is quite well, but has very little time to write: she would be glad to hear from thee soon, please to direct for her to my husband, who will get it conveyed, it being uncer=
=tain where thee might meet her while she is crossing the several counties for Norfolk, but expect we shall hear often by one means or other, which with an affectionate salutation of pure Love, wherein

my husband joins to thyself and whole family. Thy sympathizing loving friend. Mary Weston.

Edmund Peckover, after he returned from his religious visit to America sent some particulars of his travels to Benjamin Holmes at his request, with the following Letter.

Dear Frd — Wells 16th of 5th Mo: 1744

Benj: Holmes / Thine of the 5th Inst. from Pontipool came to hand the 14th. I perceive thou hadst heard of my safe arrival in old England, for which great favour & blessing, with the multitude of others, kind Providence hath been pleased to vouchsafe to me, I hope ever to retain a grateful sense of, & ever to dwell in the low valley of true humiliation, for there is the spring of true Joy & Comfort. I have nothing to boast of, being

in a very low & poor state in spirit, many have been the bitter cups my soul has drunk of, & great trials & afflictions the Lord hath brought me through: But I dare not murmur or repine, for there are times that it can be truly said, "His ways, are ways of pleasantness, & all his paths are peace".

Thou hast enjoined a hard task on me in thy Letter, 'tis hardly possible for me to answer the several particulars. ——— I shall be glad to see thee in this country, wch. has been wonderfully visited since I left it. I think ten or twelve persons are ~~visited~~ convinced of our Principles in Marshland, beyond Old Lynn & Cross Keys Wash, where I never heard of friends being before. My dear Love to any friends who may ask after me. — I salute thee

in that Love which never changes, as do also my children. – I remain thy very affectionate Friend and Brother in the Truth.

Edmund Peckover.

At the Mo: Meeting of Hardshaw West held at Liverpool the 28th of 12th Mo: 1837 James Cropper expressed himself to the following effect. "Since his last ~~illness~~ illness in London, he had been advised by his medical attendant, to avoid all subjects of an exciting tendency, as his health, perhaps his Life depended upon it; but he had come to this conclusion, that though either of these results might follow, the present effort must be made. Lately he had had much reading, writing & mental exertion, wch. had reduced him to such a state of debility, that he could with difficulty collect his thoughts, or get rest in

sleep, during these trying occasions, he had taken up some of the writ=
=ings of our early friends, & had found from the perusal of them, a sweet peace to come over his mind, producing that composure & rest, which he could not otherwise ob=
=tain. — He who with his voice stilled the tempestuous waves of the sea, thus led him to this means of pro=
=curing a calm, & allaying his tossed & troubled spirit; producing also in his mind a conviction that the pure evidence for Truth accom=
=panied the reading of our early friends works, which was evinced in their Lives. He particularly alluded to the Life of Jno. Richardson.

He feels convinced that had these writings obtained a more general perusal in past times, as well as the present, we should not have

witnessed the sorrowful separation which has taken place amongst us; that a neglect of these writings, had led to a neglect & ignorance of the Principles our early friends professed & propagated, & a practical disbelief of that great doctrine of the Society, the immediate influence of the holy Spirit. — He believed most of those who heard him could testify, that there were some circumstances in our lives, that were more particularly intended to produce certain results; if these results did not follow, great would be our condemnation. One of these circumstances some years ago occurred to himself, & had left in his mind a lively conviction of the truth of the immediate influence of the holy Spirit. At Manchester he met with a friend returning from a religious visit, he himself was then labouring

under deep dejection, arising from many doubts & discouragements; he asked the friend if he had any thoughts of being at Liverpool, & added, it would give him great satisfaction to see him at his own house; he re-plied, that he was on his way home, & had no intention of being at L'pool.

A few days after he rec'd a Letter from the friend written at Birming-ham, saying, he could not be satis-fied in his mind, without returning to Liverpool, which he did, & remained there, three days, during that time, in the course of his religious service, he so clearly & pointedly spoke on those subjects, wch. had occasioned the doubts & dismay in J C's mind, that (I think he said) they were entirely re-moved, & that so evident was the divine interposition, that he never after doubted the truth of immediate

inspiration: He had remembered for himself, & would revive it in the memory of his friends, the 1st Ch: of the 1st Epistle of Peter, "That we might desire the sincere Milk of the Word, that we might grow thereby;" it was this, that our early friends so much desired, & by which they grew in that strength wch enabled them to live, the pure & unblameable Lives they did; their Lives (he emphatically said) their Lives my friends, are an evidence for the truth of the Principles they professed; it was a remark of one formerly, that, "a true Quaker would shake the country for miles round," & so it would be now, if we lived up to our Principles; he said, there were many striking examples, he could cite, one he related of Myles Halhead, wch is recorded in Sewel's History, viz. "In the year 1654 M. Halhead came to

Berwick upon Tweed, & went to the Mayor of that Town, & spoke to him in his Shop thus, "Friend, hear what the servant of the Lord hath to say unto thee, Give over persecuting of the Lord's servants, whom he doth send in Love to this Town of Berwick to shew you the way that lead's to Life eternal. I charge thee O Man, touch not the Lords anoint=ed, nor do his prophets any harm, lest thou procure the anger of the living eternal God against thee.

This bold language so offended the Mayor, that he sent Myles to prison, where he was about ten weeks, & then was brought to the sessions, where a Bill, that was drawn up against him, was read in open court, but he denied the contents thereof, yet said, but what I said to the Mayor of this Town, I

will not deny. And then he related the afore said words he spoke to the Mayor. Whereupon the Recorder said, Sirs, As I understand by his own words, if he cannot prove the Mayor of this Town a Persecutor, in my Judgment he hath wronged him.

To this Myles answered, If the Mayor of this Town of Berwick, dare say in the presence of the Lord, whose presence is here, that he is no Persecutor, but the persecuting nature is slain in him, I will be willing to abide the Judgment of the Court.

Then the clerk of the Court said, Mr Mayor, if you will say that you are no Persecutor, but the persecuting nature is slain in you, he is willing to abide the Judgment of the Court.

To this the Mayor answered, I know not what to do; I would I had never seen him: I pray you, let him go,

and let us be no more troubled with him. Then, Myles said, "That he would prove this Mayor of Berwick the greatest Persecutor in Town or Country." I was once committed to prison in this Town before, by some of the Justices that are now in this Court; but thou, O man, hast exceeded them all; thou hast committed me, & kept me in close prison for about ten weeks, for speaking to thy own person, in thy own shop. Now I make my appeal to the Recorder of this Town of Berwick, as I am a free-born Englishman, whether my imprisonment be legal, according to the law of this nation, or not? Then the Recorder stood up, & said: It is not very legal for any Minister of the Law, to imprison any man in his own cause. Then the Court cry'd, Take him away. The

chief Priest of the Town then stood up, & desired the Court that he might ask Myles one question? To this Myles said: The Lord knows thy heart, O man, & at this present has revealed thy thoughts to his servant; & therefore now, I know thy heart also, thou High Priest, & the question thou would ask me: And if thou wilt promise me before the Court, that if I tele thee the question thou would ask me, thou wilt deal plainly with me, I will not only tell thee thy Query, but I will answer ~~thee~~ it. Then the Priest said, he would: Then Myles proceeded. Thy question is this: Thou would'st know, whether I own that Christ that died at Jerusalem, or not? To this the Priest, wondering, said, Truly that is the question. Then Myles said, According to my

promise I will answer it before this Court: In the presence of the Lord God of Heaven, I own no other Christ than Him, that died at Jerusalem, & made a good con=fession before Pontius Pilate, to be the Light & Way that leads fallen man out of sin & evil, up to God eternal, blessed forevermore.

Within a short time after this, the Court gave order to re=lease him. — James Cropper alluded also to that wonderful & spiritually minded man Peter Gar=diner, mentioned by Jno. Churchman in his Journal, & also by Jno. Richardson in his Journal, & also by Jno. Barclay in his appendix to the Diary of Alex. Jaffray. Had we (I'd said) lived faithfully up to the Light afforded us, as they did, we should not have been a divided Society, &

if we would be now more faithful, we should again be partakers of the same Light, again be a united & harmonious body, again arise, and shine forth. — We had after this some excellent & pertinent remarks from Marg.t Crosfield & Eliz. Robson in corroboration of what J.C. had said, & then he retired, leaving a solemn impression on the Meeting.

From the Patriot of 1st Mo. 15th 1838

Exclusion of Mr. Luke Howard from the Society of Friends.

To the Editor of the Patriot.

Sir. — The following Documents, which I deem it needful, for my just reputation, & the cause of christian truth, to expose in your paper, will serve, in an authentic & simple manner, to inform your readers, that I am no longer a member

of the society of friends. I may find more to say in another publication on the "Case" as here presented, & on the grounds of my dissent from the "Principles of the society" (as those doctrines & opinions are here styled which I reject) but must beg leave to trespass further on your full columns, at present, only with these explanatory remarks: — 1st. I was not unwilling to remain a member of the Society, as a benevolent & useful association, in whose property I have a considerable Interest, & in many of whose proceedings I might have taken part with satisfaction, still. 2. The whole of the proceedings between the Monthly Mg & myself, on this occasion, are comprized in these Documents, & a personal conference of about two hours, with four friends deputed to visit me on the Meeting's behalf; on which

conference I shall have more to say hereafter. 3. I shall not sit down with the absurd & disingenuous refusal given to my request, of copies of the Minutes, in the records of the Meeting, in my case; in which may be found something more to my prejudice than is shewn by the Document of disownment sent me (together with a copy of my Letter originating the proceedings) by order of the Meeting: so that you may expect to hear more.

I am your faithful friend in Christ, & constant Reader

London Jany 13th 1838 | Luke Howard

(Documents referred to above

3d Minute of Pontefract Mo: Meeting held at Wakefield the 8th of 1st Mo: 1838.

"Luke Howard a member of this Mo: Meeting, informed us some months ago, that a considerable change in his

religious sentiments having taken place, he had thought it right to sub=mit to the ceremony of Water Bap=tism; to partake of the outward Bread & Wine (commonly called the Lord's Supper) & entirely to cease from at=tending our meetings for divine wor=ship". "These proceedings being de=cidedly opposed to the acknowledged Principles & Practices of our religious Society, wch we believe to be essential=ly those of vital christianity, & to be in close accordance with the scope & character of the gospel dispensa=tion, founded on a right interpreta=tion of holy scripture; a committee was appointed in the usual course of the discipline, to visit Luke Howard thereupon. To the friends on this appointment he defended the course he had pursued, freely acknowledged his dissent from the Principles of

Friends on these important subjects, & informed them, there was no probability of any change taking place in his views." His case has from time to time received our very serious consideration, but a decision thereon has been deferred for several months, in the hope that, notwithstanding his statement to the Committee, his views might again undergo an alteration. This hope has not been realized; he has, on the contrary, repeatedly informed us of his firm adherence to his present opinions; & we therefore believe, that no benefit is likely to accrue from further delay; but that it is incumbent upon us, in the impartial administration of the discipline, & in the maintenance of those doctrines & testimonies which we conscientiously approve, & which we are concerned to transmit in unimpaired integrity to our children;

to record our disunity with Luke Howard in his proceedings aforesaid; & seeing he is no longer one in principle with us, to disown him as a member of our religious Society; & he is disowned accordingly.

We have adopted this painful course with sorrow & reluctance. We remember the services of our friend to the Society in former years, as one of her acknowledged Ministers, & as a faithful supporter of her doctrines & her discipline. We cherish towards him a feeling of much christian Love; we desire that in the practice of outward forms he may not depend upon them, & thus, thro' the subtlety of the enemy of souls, lose, in any degree, the substance of true Religion; & whether he continue separated from us, or being again enabled to see the excellence of those principles

from which he has departed, he retrace his steps into the bosom of our society, we fervently desire that he may be mercifully favoured to grow in grace, & in the knowledge of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ."

Copied by order of the Meeting
William Brady Clerk.

To Pontefract Mo: Meetg of Friends

My dear Friends / It will probably not be ~~an surprize to you~~ an occasion of surprize to you, after what passed at the Meetg held at Barnsley, the 19th of 12th Mo: last, to hear from me further on the subject of our religious fellowship.

I have, since that time, been baptized after a scriptural manner into the profession of Christ, & have communicated with a church of Christ, by receiving, after a scriptural manner, the Bread & Wine with them, in token of

unity in Christ, & in commemoration of that most satisfactory offering made by our blessed Redeemer of him=
=self for the sins of mankind. — I wished you to learn these particulars from myself, as also, that I do not now attend the meetings of our Society, whether for worship or discipline, that you might not be perplexed by any vague reports concerning me from others. It is for you now to ex=
=ercise the discipline with impartiali=
=ty in my case, ~~A~~ in which it is not for me to prescribe a method, farther than that, as this is a case of differ=
=ence of practice, founded on princi=
=ple, & not of the breach of any duty required by the written word of God (seeing I often meet to worship him elsewhere), I shall expect you deal=
=ing to be by correspondence; not feeling it required of me to sub=

subject myself to a visit of members of any other Mo: Meeting on your behalf. I remain yr well-wishing friend

Luke Howard

Tottenham 13th of 7th Mo: 1837.

A Copy, by direction of Pontefract Mo: Meeting, held at Wakefield 1st Mo: 8th 1838.

Esteemed Friend

Luke Howard / I am directed as Clerk to Pontefract Mo: Meeting, to hand the copy of thy Letter, addressed to it in 7th Mo: last, & to inform thee the Mo: Meetg does not feel, that it would be justified in granting a Copy of its Minutes. A similar request made by an individual some time ago, was not acceded to.

I am with Love thy fd

Wm Brady.

(Dewsbury
1st Mo: 9th 1838)

Names of ministering frds desirable
to be brot. prominently into view.
Viz - John Toft, Jona. Hedley, Joseph
Brantingham, ~~Grace Chambers~~ Rot Wardle,
~~Robt Wilson~~, Geo. Wakefield, Mathew
Mellor, Deb. Leighton, Jno & Mary Fry,
Wm. Cookworthy, Mary Brook, Jno Bulling-
ham Wm. Coning, Isaac Gray, Jane
Crosfield, Dorothy Wigham, Eliz. Wetherel
Geo. Boone, Saml Nottingham, Henry
Wilkins, Han: Bambridge, Sus.a Boone,
Wm. Dilworth, Ann Young, Ruth Seaman
Eliz. Clapham, Thos Waring, Wm. Beckley,
Anty Mason, Abiah Darby, Deb. Townsend,
Jona. Burns, Good, Jno Storer, Margt.
Raine, Richd Brewster, Saml Stott, Jno
Stephenson, Eliz. Priestman, Benj:
Aird, Ann Summerland, Esther Moxon
Martha Hawerth, Benj: Kidd Godalmin
Barc. Brewery, Jno Richardson Sheffd,
Jno Townsend, Gervis Johnson, John
Poynton Alton, Edwd Hadon, ~~Mary~~
Saml Hopwood.

Mary
Ridgway, Jane Watson, Eliz: Gibson
& Wm. Tomlinson, ~~Wm. Rawes~~, Joseph
Williams Dublin, ~~Rudd Wheeler~~, Jos:
Procter, Yarm, ~~Adag Williams~~ Han:
Wigham, Geo: Braithwaite, Jos. Saul,
Jno Abbott, Ra: Wigham, Phebe Blake,
Nat. Johnson, Wm. Jepson, Morris
Birkbeck, ~~Spe Rudd Wheeler~~, Anne
Fry, Sa. Rudd, Jos. Wood, Esther Clarke,
Thos. Speakman, Fred: Smith, Ann Byrd,
Mary Green, Edwd Tinkin, Eliz. Wigham,
Bart. Hoyland, Mary Birkbeck, Joseph
Clark, Jona. Taylor, America, died in Ireland,
Ra. Fowler, Ra. Pease, Ann Shannon,
Marg't Hoyland, Sarah Fox, Ma. Alexander
Mary Brantingham, Mary Watson, Ma.
Marriage, Thos. Richardson, Rd Phillips
Sa. Hamley, Jos. Binns, R. M. Jackson,
Jas. Hamerth, Han. Broadhead, George
Withy, Robt. Haydock, Sam'l Scott's Testi-
mony concerning Tho's Grubb,

Wm. Tomlinson, John Player, William Reckitt, Jeremiah Waring, Jos: Ball, John Reynolds, Wm. Dodgson, William Naud, John Birkbeck, Geo: Boone, Jr. Simms, Ab: Darby, Tho: Pole, Elias Tuckett, Robt Forster, Tho: Robert, Js: Fletcher, Jr. Biddle, Wm. Wright, Rich Lowe, Jonah Thompson, Tho: Godding, Jr. Hands, Dan. Catting, Amb: Williams, Mi: Names of the Friends who were appointed on the first National visit to the Mo: & Qu: Meetings, in the year 1760. — Viz: Jr. Griffith, Jona: Raine, Nat: Mellor, Tho: Corbyn, Jos: Taylor, Jos. Row, Sam. Fothergill, Wm. Dilworth, Isaac Wilson, ~~John Cisdoe~~, Henry Wilkins, ~~Tho. Tesich~~, Jno. Townsend, ~~Jno. Roper~~, ~~Jno. Eliot~~, ~~John Hirst~~, John Emms, ~~Jos. Taylor~~, Jno. Oxley, ~~Wm. Rathbone~~, John Hunt, Wm. Hird, Saml. Stott, ~~Rich. Brewster~~, Isaac Sharpless,

at Ransom Sampson Coy. Jr. Jas. Fell.

~~Isaac Gray~~, Saml Spavold, ~~Edwd Gad-son~~, ~~Jas Fothergill, Wm D.~~ Jeremiah Waring, ~~John Gurney~~, Wm Fry, John Fry, ~~Jos Dawra~~, ~~Gilliers Thompson~~, ~~John Young~~, Wm Young, ~~Rob Walker~~, ~~Edmund Gurney~~, Wm Chapman, ~~Wm Cookworthy~~, ~~John Stores~~, ~~Thos Potter~~, ~~Henry Bradford~~, ~~Birmingham~~? 42

John Ransom, Edm Peckover, John Haslam, Joshua Dixon, ~~John Hunt~~, Wm Young, Saml Waring, Rt Letchworth, ~~Wm Evans~~, ~~John Evans~~, Wm Storrs, Jno Worster,

Extract of a Letter from a friend of Philadelphia dated 4mo 4th 1838

"The clouds wch hang over us are by no means in my opinion clearing away, tho I did hope, a few weeks ago that this was the case. I do not see but that it is a day of trouble & deep anxiety, tho' some think that all is well. I was in hopes that our frd who is now among us from my native land (England) might prove himself an Apostle indeed. I have been

very desirous of divesting my mind of all previous sentiments respecting some parts of his works, & being favour=ed with ability to form a Judgment of him in the simple capacity in which he appears amongst us at present, as a minister; & for a while I did not see any thing to object to, altho' there seemed to be a want of depth, & I was harrassed by the constant recurrence in my mind, of the Query, "Is this the Qua=kerism ye. so eminently overcame the world, in the times of our fore=fathers"? And did they come by their principles in the same way as they now are attempted to be illustrated? I say these questions harrassed me continually. But I do believe it requires an ability more than we are at all times possessed of, to ar=rive at a just judgment with regard to such questions, & tho' I wish to

speak with extreme caution, & a fear of saying any thing wrong rests on my mind, yet I cannot well do other than express to thee, the growing uneasiness I have felt, especially within a week or ten days. I do not know how to reconcile what has been sometimes spoken, with the doctrines of our ancient friends. And I cannot but believe there is great danger in allowing ourselves to swerve from any of those doctrines. - I do not wish thee to misunderstand me, nor to suppose that I mean, that any open professed leaving of those doctrines has taken place. On the contrary there seems to be an inclination rather to eulogize those ancient worthies. But it is very possible to eulogize a man & take him by the hand, & yet secretly & perhaps unconsciously, & very gradually to undermine those very views wch he holds dearest to his heart. I think our fr^d is

sincerely desirous of doing good, but I fear he is not taking the right way; & that he has never gone deep enough into spiritual baptism to see the excellence of our principles to their full extent. This is the view I have at present with respect to the aspect of things - a gloomy one to be sure, & if I find reason hereafter to alter my sentiments, I shall be very glad to let thee know. I feel very sensibly that we are poor frail creatures, & very liable to err, both in practice & in judgment. And what makes me more discouraged, is the fact that a very large proportion indeed of our members do not see the thing in the same light, though some very judicious friends do.

With Love &c — Thy affec: friend

It was as decent to talk in the house as in the street, or by the way. To this I have no answer that can be satisfactory to such as only esteem a profession of religion, if it cost them nothing, & is inoffensive, & flatter all our lusts only avoid the reproach of all men. But are times long gone by the profession of the Christian church.

Philosophers, for so I must esteem those who can sit two hours to improve only from the operation of divine grace within; but yet the point I am concerned about is, the want of silence too frequent after large Meetings. After a few words uttered by an excellent woman yesterday afternoon at Devonshire-house, I was astonished, I was shocked to hear the universal babbling after the Meeting broke up; I endeavoured to account for it, by many Town friends meeting their country friends after a years absence. But this could not convince me, that the clamour was consistent with the decorum expected from so still & quiet a people. If it be said, that the house is only a house, & that after the Meeting,

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Jos: Bringhurst to Wm Cowper, the Poet.

My esteemed Friend/

Perhaps thou will be surprized by this salutation wrote by an unknown hand, & thy curiosity may be excited to know the character of the person, who presumes to call thee his friend. He is a youth, a Native of Philadelphia, whose name hath never been sounded by the tongue of fame; a few years past, fortune shed her smiles upon his commercial employments, and promised a profusion of her stores, but adversity commissioned by Heaven was sent to blast his hopes & visits him with the blessings of poverty. In the school of affliction he has been taught wisdom, he has been compelled to meditate on those things which truly

belong to his nature, & he now re=
=turns with sincerity of heart, his
gratitude to that greatly good, di=
=vine Being, who has overruled
his designs. — He is by birth &
principle a Quaker, wilt thou per=
=mit such a youth to call thee
his friend? — I have been a
frequent reader of thy "Task," and
thy Essays in verse; I admire
thy poetical talents, but the efforts
of thy mind in the cause of true
virtue, have gained thee my love
& veneration. When my heart has
been depressed with deep sorrow,
I have derived sweet consolation
from the sublime Truths so beau=
=tifully illustrated, & so elegantly
enforced in thy works; my love
of thy virtues, & my admiration of
thy talents have led to frequent

enquiries after thee. About a year ago I heard thou wast afflicted with a painful lingering illness; my heart wept for thee, my concern for thy happiness & health has been continually alive, with the tenderest solicitude for thy welfare. I have endeavored to discover thy condition, but my enquiries were fruitless, & I am left in painful uncertainty of thy state; to know that thou art well & happy will give joy to my heart. There are in this city, and within the circle of my acquaintance, many amiable & some great minds, who love thee with true affection, their interest in thy happiness, makes them earnestly desirous of a satisfactory account of thy present condition,

be assured, that none but worthy motives have produced this Letter the heart by which it is dictated breathes a prayer to Heaven, that thou mayst be blessed with peace on earth & with that wisdom wch shall finally lead thy soul into the world of eternal Joy.

I am truly, with respect and affection, thy friend.

Jos: Bringhurst Jr.

Philadelphia 3d Mo: 4th 1796.

Some expressions of Wm Matthews in Brighouse Mo: Mg. 4 Mo: 1786.

"It has been sealed upon my mind, that the Lord will yet arise in the excellence of his majesty, & make his name glorious among the inhabitants of this Island. He will cause the knowledge of His

Truth to spread more & more, and thousands & tens of thousands, will come to be acquainted with his inward sanctifying power.

But first a winnowing day must come, and I believe it will come before some of you are aware.

Copy of a Letter put into Samuel Fothergill's hand, during the Yearly Meeting in London 1765.

Dear Sir / As you have great influence in establishing things decent & orderly in your Society, I take the liberty of troubling you with this address. I have often attended silent Meetings, & come away greatly edified, both from what I have felt in my self, and from the great satisfaction I took in sitting with christian Philo=

Philosophers, for so I must esteem those who can sit two hours to improve only from the operation of divine grace within; but yet the point I am concerned about is, the want of silence too frequent after large Meetings. After a few words uttered by an excellent woman yesterday afternoon at Devonshire-house, I was astonished, I was shocked to hear the universal babbling after the Meeting broke up, I endeavoured to account for it, by many Town friends meeting their country friends after a years absence. But this could not convince me, that the clamour was consistent with the decorum expected from so still & quiet a people. If it be said, that the house is only a house, & that after the Meeting,

it was as decent to talk in the house as in the street, or by the way. To this I have no answer that can be satisfactory to such as only esteem it a proper degree of liberty, & if custom has made it inoffensive, I shall at another time only avoid the hearing of it, & at all times pray for the prosperity of Mr. Fothergill & his Friends.

Mark Lane 6 — My affectionate friend

sincerely desires of doing good, that I for have been gone daily through the strait he has been in at Hamburgh, & that Hamburgh to the extent. This is the minister to their fine extent. This is the union & love it breath with to the saint of things - a desire one to be same & find treason hereafter to attempt an ministry & those learning glad to hear this & feeling anxiety that we may fail criticising, being liable to an, forbidding bin instrument. And what makes more discourage is that that a very large instrumentality of our ministry do not see the thing in the same light, though some many judicious friends do.

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An Address to Seamen.

On considering the dangers and temptations to which those are exposed, who "do business on great waters," I have frequently felt interested in their behalf, and secret desires have attended my mind, that they might more and more come under the regulating influence of "the grace of God, that bringeth salvation, which hath appeared unto all men, teaching us, that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world," * and thus be preserved from joining in with the temptations which so generally prevail, and occasion so much misery amongst mankind.

Profane swearing, foolish and corrupt language, drunkenness, hatred, anger, revenge, &c. are the fruits of our own corrupt nature. When one vice is given way to, and has gained the dominion, it introduces others of a still worse tendency; thus by degrees the mind becomes corrupted, so as to fall an easy prey to any temptations which present. But what hath particularly affected my mind with sorrow, is the practice of profane swearing which lamentably prevails with some, grossly violating the ancient, express command, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who taketh His name in vain." † Surely this is an evil very offensive in His sight, (before whose awful tribunal we must all sooner or later appear to give an account of our words and actions) that any should vilely profane His sacred name, by making use of it in a fit of anger, in order to vent their fury on those who are the objects of it, calling on God to curse them, as though they would make *Him* who is of "purer eyes than to behold evil" with approbation, the instrument of their revenge; whilst they are evidently influenced by the power of the wicked one.

Calling God to *witness* on any trifling occasion, is also another way in which His name is taken in vain, and cannot be observed by a truly religious mind, without exciting the feeling of great abhorrence. Our blessed Lord positively said, that "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment." § In foolish jesting, levity, and corrupt discourses, how many idle words are uttered! What injury is done to the minds of such as make use of them, and also of those with whom they converse! Will not the Lord visit for these things? How can such as are living in forgetfulness of their Creator, and neglect of His sacred commands, expect His blessing, even on their outward engagements? How can they expect to feel the sweetening, calming influences of His love, and of His sustaining arm, when outward dangers await?

There are, I believe, many serious minds amongst this useful class of men whom I am now addressing, who grieve over the too general depravity in manners and morals, which prevails amongst them, and I believe that the conduct of such, who are careful that "no corrupt communication should proceed out of their mouth, but that which is good, to the use of edifying," ‖ will be a means of producing serious reflection in the minds of others, whereby the number of those will be increased, who are concerned to pass the time of their sojourning here, (whether on the dry land or on the mighty ocean) in the fear of offending their great Creator and Preserver, in thought, word, or deed. The reward is sure. "The work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever." **

Your well-wishing friend,

E. R.

* Titus ii. 11. † Exodus xx. 7. § Matthew xii. 36. ‖ Ephesians iv. 29. ** Isaiah xxxii. 17.

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1Mo: 19 This day at the Monthly Meeting at Stockton, my dear Wife said a few words by way of Testimony, being the first time in a public Meeting. — She remarked to me afterwards, that her mind seemed covered with the garment of Praise. — What she then expressed was nearly in those words. "I have thought dear friends, that this is a day which calls for diligence, and I have wished that those who are qualified for service in the church, may be willing to come forward in their Ranks in righteousness, and do what may be required, whether it may be little or much.

Thomas Robson

Account of Meetings of Elizabeth Robson of Liverpool 1808 — 1838; written by her beloved husband Thomas Robson, who died at Huddersfield 1852

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1810 Kendal. Elizabeth Robson's first Visit with Certificate was to the families of Friends of Kendal, in company with Sarah Abbot in the Autumn of 1810.

E R's second Journey with Certificate was to the Counties of Lincoln, Norfolk & Suffolk & some parts adjacent, also to the families of Friends of Reading, in company with Ann Burgess (afterwards Ann Jones) entered upon in the spring of the year 1811.

I left home the beginning of the 4th month in order to join my friend Ann Burgess at Gainsbro' went by Coach to Bawtry, where I was met by my Kinsman David Hopkins who kindly conveyed me to Gainsbro'. I felt much cast down, having just left home & the prospect before me tended to depress my poor mind, but after getting amongst my friends

Gainsbro'

1844. I begun to feel somewhat cheared, & at length the clouds of darkness dispersed & a peaceful calm ensued. Here I met with Cath: Tricket on her way to the Qu: Meeting at Lincoln, who was kind & encouraging. Next Morning we attended the week-day meeting, Catherine, wy I tho.t lively in testimony, I felt poor & silent. In the afternoon we went to Lincoln in company with my dear Relatives Da: Hopkins & ~~Simon~~ & Ann Bowen, whose company is, & has been very acceptable to me at this time, now when I feel myself so much a stranger & pilgrim. On our arrival I met with dear Ann [Burgess] it was pleasant to us to see each other. Next morning

Lincoln at 8 o'clock the meeting of Ministers & Elders met & held till 11 o'clock, I tho.t the business was agreeably conducted, dear [aged] John Bateman was with us, & made many lively remarks. Mary Bleckley also was acceptably engaged in testimony, also A. Burgess & Cath: Tricket [I moved] in supplication, I think it was a favoured meeting. The Qu: Meeting at large should have commenced at 11, but the other holding so long, it did not gather for some time after, fr.ds who took a part in the service were Joha: Hutchinson, Ma: Bleckley, J Bateman & myself, the youth were affectionately addressed, after the meeting separated, feeling a desire to go into the men's meeting, A: Burgess accompanied me, also Alice Burt, I endeavored to relieve myself of a concern w.ch I felt, that fr.ds might more generally be willing to

1811 shake themselves from every encumbrance, & by submitting to the sanctifying ~~influence of the~~ power of Truth, be rightly prepared to come forward in usefulness in the church, also that ~~their~~ the young men might be careful on their setting out in ~~the world~~ life, to endeavor to prefer the Truth to every outward consideration. A B, addressed them also in a very affectionate manner. Our meetings did not close till about 4 o'clock.

A B. proposed that the meeting of Ministers & Elders should in future be held on the evening preceding Qu. Meeting, 10th.

Lincoln they agreed to take into consideration. After dinner we went to the Castle to visit a young man of the name of Rickett who is imprisoned on acct. of the militia, he had then been 10 weeks, expected to remain 3 weeks more, much excellent council was imparted to him, & he appeared tender & agreeable. The following morning we retd to Gainsbro' &

Gainsbro' feeling as if it wd be best to go into the few families here, after Tea we paid 3 visits & retd to our lodgings weary but peaceful, & was favoured to have a comfortable night. On the following day (7th) paid 8 visits, more, in some of which I was silent, in others had to impart a little, but ~~some of~~ several of those sittings were poor & dry, this closed our weeks work, & what another week may produce I know not, but this I may say, that I feel daily occasion to labour after patience & resignation to whatever may fall to our lot.

First Day Morning meeting, my companion & myself had took

1811 something to do, the afternoon poor & silent. Proceeded on with the family visit, till rather late in the Evening.

Brigg Next morning we set off for Brigg & got to Da: Nainby's to Dinner, ~~& afterwards sat, the few families belonging to this meeting who lived in Town~~, then went to Brandy-car,

Brandy-car to my cousins Jona: Hopkin's, I was much pleased to see the old place again, where I had spent many pleasant days in my youth several old things were revived in my memory, & I could not but feel affected, on recollecting that the last time I was there I was called away unexpectedly to attend my dear mother's funeral. — We had a tendering season with this dear family after tea, dear A B. addressed them individually, & I felt the spirit of supplication in which I engaged.

Brigg. Next morning rot d to Brigg to a public meeting which was previously appointed at 10 o'clock, it was pretty large & I hope satisfactory. Dined at Da. Nainby's afterwards sat with their maid who attends our meetings, & also with the family, but we fear those who profess with us living in this place are no encouragement to sober enquirers.

Gainsbro' We set d to Gainsbro'. On 4th Day attended Mo: Meeting here A B in testimony addressed to the young people, wch I hope had a reaching effect on some of them, before meeting sat with a frd whose wife is confined wch finished our family visit here. In the evening a public meeting was held in the methodist meeting house, wch was pretty large, A B.

1811 large in testimony & supplication, I felt engaged to offer a little, it was considered a good meeting. In the evening had another public meeting held in a Barn at a village a few miles off, I hope to good satisfaction, we were both engaged therein. In the evening of the ensuing day we had a meet-
Norton -ing in a Barn at Norton near Spittal, it was well attended & the people serious & attentive, A B was largely engaged & her companion afterwards had a little to do, & it was con-
-sidered a favoured meeting, but we both felt low & tried after-
-wards, especially dear Ann, perhaps it was a preparation for future service, we went to Spittal to lodge, Cousin Jona:
Lincoln Hopkins with us. Next morning set off for Lincoln where a meeting was appointed, it was held in a large Room in the Rein Deer Inn, not more I suppose than abt. 100 people present, I ventured here to move first, & afterwards A B. was much favoured in testimony, spoke of the universality of the grace of God, wch. some present did not appear to re-
-lish, & left the place when Ann was done, others appeared satisfied. Alice Burt with some of her family met us here, after dining we parted with my dear Relatives which
Waddington felt a trial to me. We went to Waddington accompanied by Alice Burt, her son & cousin Jona. Hopkins, after Tea we sat with a family lately convinced of the rectitude of our Principles, & then with M. Smith & daughter. Next morning sat with Jos. Chauntry. At 11 o'clock the meeting

1811 the meeting begun, notice having been previously given, it
was pretty largely attended, it was I think a comfortable settled
meeting, A B was largely engaged in testimony & her companion
Broughton ~~in~~ offered in supplication. We next went to Broughton ac-
-companied by Jos: Burt & Wife & quartered at our kind mothering
friends Alice Burt's, after Tea, we attended their reading, no-
-thing was expressed, but I was favoured to partake a little
of the Bread broken in secret, with which I was comforted &
refreshed. Accompanied by Wm. Burt & his wife we proceeded
on by way of Newark, called ~~by the way~~ at Jos: Gallands'
whose family were under great affliction, on acct. of his
(Joseph) being in a state of derangement, but hopes were enter-
-tained of his recovery, we went forward in order to reach
Nottingham. Nottingham in time for the Qu. Meeting, & met a kind re-
-ception at the house of John Bakewell, got a hasty cup of
Tea & went to the meeting of Ministers & Elders, here we
met with John & Elizabeth & Barbara Hoyland; Jos: Storrs was
kind & fatherly, this meeting proved a season of refreshment
to me in silence, E Hoyland had something sweet & encou-
-raging to the elderly friends present. We supped at the
widow Storrs with a number of friends. Next morning
the meeting assembled at 9 o'clock, E. Hoyland, B. H & myself
had something to do in the line of ministry, & A B appeared
in supplication. In the women's meeting I felt it my
place to address the young women, a great many young

1811 people were at this 2d. Meeting, some of them appeared hopefu,
but I am afraid the greater part are more desirous to gratify
themselves, than to seek a possession in the Truth. After
this 2d. Meeting we believed it right to turn again into
Welburn Lincolnshire, when we got to Welburn we visited Ann
Gauntley's school, & sat with the children 19 in number, also
with Ann & the Teacher separately, we also sat with a young
woman who attended our meetings & appeared agreeable, we
also took the other families belonging to this meeting, & the
part wch. I took in those opportunities afforded Peace. In
the evening we had a public meeting, we both were engaged
in the ministry & I think it was a favoured meeting, it held
Broughton from 6 to nearly 9 o'clock. Next morning went to Brough-
-ton to a meeting for the few friends at that place A.B.
had good service, I was silent. At 4 o'clock a meeting was
held for the neighbours, wch. proved solid & satisfactory,
we ~~both~~ united in public labour. After meeting we had
an opportunity with a person who had attended our
meetings some time, he lives at Newark, what I said,
was not addressed particularly to him, feeling a caution
on this head, the subject was, on the necessity of maintain-
-ing the daily warfare, Alice Burt was present, & told me
afterwards, she was glad I felt the restraint, as she believed
he would have answered, having done so before, having
a deal to say in his own vindication, so that I was

1811 thankful in being so directed, wch. otherwise might have led
into unprofitable discourse, how safe are the leadings
of the good Shepherd, oh! that I may be enabled more & more
to keep near thereto is the desire of my heart. — I frequently
feel much tried & stripped & divested of all good, & as if I was
in more danger of being a burden to my friends, than of
Broughton any use to them, & yet I am often mercifully favoured, & have
cause humbly to admire that such a poor creature should
be made use of in any way, especially in espousing the
precious cause publickly: I am glad that this last public
meeting has got over, but am ready to say that when one
woe is passed, another cometh. We visited two families, not
members of our society at Broughton, after which we set
Beckingham off for Beckingham to a public meeting, it was pretty large
A B. had a long communication to the people who behaved
well, & I concluded in supplication. We next went to a
Newark meeting held in a methodist meeting-house at Newark, A B much
favoured, & I had a little to express to A B. in prayer, a
great many people present. We continued at Newark all
night, Alice Burt with us. In the morning went to Jos.
Jallands to breakfast, & had an agreeable opp. with their
children. Next to Fulbeck to Wm. Burt's & sat with them, & it
was, I trust, a favored season, we also had a public meeting
here, held in a Barn, it was large & favoured, these meetings
are very exercising to me, I greatly fear least the cause of

1811 Truth should suffer on my acct. we went again to Welburn
Welburn & at A B's request we sat with Alice Burt & her son a second time
it was a reviving opportunity I believe to the visited. In the
evening we sat with Jos. & Mary Burt at A B's request also.
After this we went on to Gainsbro'. A meeting being ap-
Stokeh - pointed at ~~Stokeh~~ Stockwith to be held in a Barn we went to it, some
Stockwith of the people were Ship Carpenters & Sailors, I felt an exer-
cise on acct. of the latter description particularly, & was
enabled to relieve my mind in degree & had peace therein,
I tho't A B. much favoured, we retd to Gainsbro'. The ensuing
morning I paid a visit to Ann Palian accompanied by Ma-
thew, A B, not being well, I had a little to express, & here I
had again to admire the condescension of the great Master
whose strength was made perfect in weakness. After
dinner we set off to attend a public meeting appointed at
Ferry the Ferry to be held in a methodists meeting house, it was
quite filled, it proved on the whole I think a good meeting,
lodged at an Inn by the side of the Trent, two Gainsbro' frds
Epworth with us. On 1st day morning went to Epworth, the Metho-
-dists gave up their House for our purpose & the meeting
began at 10 o'clock, at the close A B requested another wch.
they readily consented to, & it was fixed to begin at 6 o'clock,
they were both large, A B. had good service in both, & her com-
panion was not excused from doing a little, the people ap-
-peared well satisfied in the general. On 2d Day A B. having

1811 a desire to have another meeting at Ferry, we went there to
Ferry breakfast to the house of Jervas Woodhouse a Magistrate, who
was very friendly, & we were pleased with the visit, the morng
being very wet, the meeting was small, but the people serious,
& appeared to receive the doctrine delivered, after dining we
Crawl went to Crawl & had a meeting in a methodist meeting-house,
Mordecai Cafson & his son met us here. Next place was
Belton Belton where we had a meeting, well attended A.B. had good
service here, & I had a little to express, going about in this
way holding meetings with those not of our society is indeed
very close work, & very exercising, but I hope some benefit
may arise from them, & if but a few are drawn nearer to
the Truth, surely it is worth all our sufferings & discourage-
ments wch are at times our portion, I wish to receive them
as I ought, being sensible these reductions of self are very
profitable, & may be needful for my future refinement.
Butterwick This afternoon we sent off for Butterwick & next day had a
meeting there at 11 o'clock in a methodist meeting-house, & many
serious people attended, & I believe well affected with Dr. A.B.'s
ministry, as for my part I was so very poor, that altho' some
little matter presented, I had so little confidence in myself &
so fearful of doing harm, that I was not sufficiently resigned,
& by this means managed to bring my load away with me,
which has proved my burden since. The next meeting
Boringham was at Boringham, the people were solid for the most

1811 part, it was held in a Barn. This evening I feel a degree of serenity & quiet, wch I consider a great favour, it is a-
-nimating to have at seasons a hope, that we are in our places, & there is nothing I desire more than to be sensi-
-ble that this is the case. 5 Mo 2d - First Day evening held a
Winterton meeting in the Mt - Meeting-house at Winterton, wch proved a satisfactory one, A B Large in testimony, after which I began to speak in much fear, but was graciously assisted, to relieve my mind to my own peace. Next meeting was at Winter.
Winteringham -ingham held in a Barn, pretty large, we both were employed rather extensively, & I hope it ended well, the people were
Boston very attentive. At Boston we had a meeting in the Calvi-
-nists M. House & many of them present, it proved a very exercising one indeed, A B was enabled to clear her mind I believe pretty fully. Next we held a meet g in a M. Meet g
Borrow House at Borrow, A B. was largely engaged, but I believe I was rightly silent, we distributed our Books here as well as
Caistor at other places. At Caistor we held a meeting in the large
Caistor WR Room at the Inn, perhaps abt. 200 people present, & it was I hope favoured with good, A B spoke at considerable length, on the subject of mispending time, card playing &c I con.
Louth -cluded in supplication. At Louth we held a meeting in a Mt. M-house, it proved an unsettled one, altho' a great many people, but so much going out & coming in; much labour was bestowed, & we were not dissatisfied therewith

1811 & had a hope it was held at a proper time. At Horncastle
Horncastle we had a meeting in the ~~large~~ room at the Inn, it was large
but were both occupied therein, the people expressed their
Wainfleet satisfaction & we handed them our Tracts. We next had
Spilsby meetings at Wainfleet, & Spilsby, Spalding & Leek, after
Spalding which we proceeded to London in order to attend the Yearly Meeting
Leek where I met my Husband.

After the Yearly Meeting concluded, A. B. & myself proceeded
Reading to Reading in order to visit the families of Friends belonging
to that Meeting, we dined at Wm. Batts at Maidenhead, Jno.
Abbot joined us here & accompanied us to Reading where
we arrived on 7th Day Evening at the house of Jno. Tubby
& were rec.d very kindly, Jno. Abbot procured us a List of
Friends names belonging to this place. 1st Day morng
meeting silent & trying, except near the close, when Thomas

1811 Speakman expressed, that he believed, the earnest desire of those met to hear the poor servants (or to this effect) had ~~closed up the way~~ closed up the way, & enlarged agreeably I thought on the nature of true worship. Jno. Abbot afterwards informed Fr^ds. of our intention to visit the families, & desired that the visit might be productive of good to the visited, & enlarged a little more, the afternoon meeting dull & heavy, partly arising from a want of a right exercise & partly the heat of the weather, I had a little to say on the necessity of watchfulness when met to perform the solemn act of worship, J. Abbot enlarged on the same subject. After Tea we commenced our visit to the families & finished abt. the middle of the week. Returned to London where I again met my husband, he having business to attend to during our being at Reading, we went together to Colchester 2n. Meeting by way of Chelmsford where we staid over 1st Day, Ben. Bell was at this meeting.

Reading

Chelmsford

After the 2M. my husband ret^d home, & A B & myself pursued our journey, we came back to Chelmsford attend meet-day meeting there, A B. & C Fry addressed the youth very affectionately & I was enabled to supplicate ~~on the occ.~~ for friends in general wch. relieved my poor mind much, having previously been greatly discouraged in parting with my husband &c. In the afternoon rode to Rolvedon, took Tea with Mary Proud & Ma: Alexander

1811 who were very kind. We went to Bardfield, met a kind re-
Bardfield ception at the house of Jos: Smith. In the meeting here I
was engaged in supplication. Next meeting was Hacorlin
I addressed the few frds. there, in the evening meeting had also
something to do. On 2d Day. I was exercised to my great
mortification before
Ipswich In the meeting of Ministers & Elders at Ipswich I was en-
gaged in supplication, in the 2n: Meeting at large on 3 day
I felt a concern to address the youth, especially the young
men, on 4th Day silent in both the Meetings, having
an apprehension that it would be right for us to visit
the families of that meeting, wch. I mentioned to A. B. & I
believe she feels it, & most likely we may return from
Norwich to perform this service. On 5th went to
Woodbridge Woodbridge to a meeting appointed for friends, bothers,
I was silent. In the afternoon went to a small meeting
Leiston abt. 14 miles (Leiston) likewise for frds. & neighbours,
Beckles was silent here also. Next went to Beckles to a meeting
of same description, Henry Hall being with us, I felt
fearful of speaking, least I might stand in his way, &
had suffered on this acct, but in this I got a little courage
& gave up ~~in~~ to offer a little in supplication, wch. set me
Bakefield somewhat at liberty. We next went to Bakefield &
were kindly rec'd by the widow Scales & children, we
attended meeting at 6 o'clock, neighbours were invited,

1811 I was enabled to speak first, A B followed, next
Ben. Hull largely, & afterwards in prayer, we were
favoured ~~a favoured~~ to enjoy a precious covering
over ~~us~~ us at the conclusion. Our next Meeting was
Lowestoff at Lowstoff a public one, it was held in the Theatre, it
was very full, the people quiet, I was first engaged, then
A B. next Ben. Hull large in testimony & supplication, we
lodged at Dykes Alexander's house by the sea side. We
Yarmouth next went on to Yarmouth & quartered at Wm Jewel's, &
attended meeting for friends only, wch I thot much favored,
W. A. large in testimony, I expressed a little, then A B. &
W. A. in supplication, a meeting was appointed for the
neighbours in the evening, we all three had something
to do, & the Truth, I thought measurably reigned. We visit
-ed friends (some of them) in their families, & performed
some labour in that way. 2d Day morning set off for
Norwich Norwich & arrived at the house of Jos: Gurney abt. 2 o'clo:
he was gone to see his Bro: Richd who is declining in health,
his family gave us a kind reception, went to the 2 Meetg
of Ministers & Elders wch felt to us a low time, we here
met with Saml. Alexander & his daughter Lucy Maw, we
informed Saml. of our intention of going thro' the fa-
-milies at Norwich, he was fatherly & kind to us, we
attended the Ev. Meeting at large, Jn. Read first spoke
then W. Hull largely, Jos: Gurney & Sa. Bleckley, the

1811 Youth were affectionately addressed. The women had
an acceptable visit from Dew. Hull. — Jn. Head left
Norwich us here, he had been for some time our kind helper, we
shall feel a want of him, but he offered to join us again
some time ~~hence~~ after if we required his assistance, Wm
Sewel has made us the same offer. From this place we
Tivitsall went to Tivitsall to the house of our worthy fd John
Holmes, he was feeble but very kind to his friends. On 5th
day morning we attended meeting there, ~~Sam~~ Alexander
& Lucy Naw present ~~[illegible]~~ the latter spoke very agreeably,
also H. Hull, AB & Sa. Bleckley. In the afternoon we
Diss went to a meeting at Diss, it proved a solid meeting,
AB. H. Hull & myself all engaged AB in supplication.
Darling We went next to Darling pretty many present, HH
had the principal service, I was concerned in supplication.
it was rather a trying meeting, several light countenances
& those under our name, I fear dont keep to the Principle,
& therefore it cannot be exalted. After this we went to
Aldeburgh a meeting at Aldeburgh, H. H the main service, he seems
remarkably qualified for public ~~[illegible]~~ meetings, he sometimes
stands an hour & half, but he appears very fearful of
taking up so much time, least we sd not get relieved. We
Wymondham retd to Norwich, but took Wymondham meeting previous,
we found more frds here than we expected, several others
present, but those under our name were such as felt

1811 trying to us, indeed from the appearance of many it
was difficult to distinguish them from others, A.B. how-
Wymondham ever dealt plainly with them, H.A united therein, & had
an open time, & I cast in my mite. We were again kindly
Norwich rec.d by Jos. Gurney & family. This morning at meeting I
felt greatly tried & discouraged & as if I could do no more
good, but after a time, light arose, the clouds dispersed very
unexpectedly & I was drawn forth in fervent supplication
on acct. of others, & I am now favoured with calmness, an
unspeakable favour. — In the evening had a meeting
in the large House containing it was supposed 1000 people,
A.B appeared first in prayer, then H. Hull at great length,
& Jos: Gurney agreeably. On 3d Day attended Meeting at
Norwich again, H.A. & A.B engaged in labouring for the
Lammas good of those assembled. 4th Day went to Lammas, only
3 members belonging to the meeting, ie. proved a trying one
Wells H.A & A.B both spoke. 5th Day went to Wells to the house
of Phebe Ransom & had an evening meeting with the peo-
ple, it was large, but exercising, we all had some share in
the labour bestowed, we visited the few families at this
Fakingham place, & then proceeded to Fakingham to Jos. Peckover's, we
had a meeting in the Evening large, held in the Mt. Meeting-
house, H.A had all the service & I thot it a good Meeting, he
was led to revive the practice of the primitive christians, &
described how errors had crept in, from a desire to find

1811 out an easier way. He endeavored to shew the inconsis-
tency of an hireling ministry, & exposed priestcraft in
Fakenham close terms, saying, that the truths of the gospel being de-
livered thro' such impure channels, such instruments
were as dark bodies, or eclipses between God & the souls of
men, the people were attentive & quiet. We now appear to
be travelling in stile, having a footman to attend us, & an
excellent workman with us to do the work. After sitting
awhile with Jos: Peckover & his housekeeper, we went on to
Swaffham Swaffham & in the evening had a meeting, not large, but I
believe pretty comfortable. We next went to Runcton to
Lynn Thos. Gale's & from thence to the meeting at Lynn on 1st Day
morng wch was small, we all had something to do, we also
had a meeting for the neighbours in the evening, wch I hope was
satisfactory, altho' I brot. a load away with me, I wish I may
grow wiser by the things wch I suffer in this way, as well as
others. we are going to visit the families here, H. H does
not unite with us in this service, believing a little rest
was suitable for him; we have had 5 sittings, some of them
deeply exercising, which makes me really dread the very
Idea of going thro' the families of Ipswich & Norwich. — It
is concluded to have another public meeting at this place
in the Independant Meeting-house, ~~it was~~ it was large & crowded, they
were noisy at first, but H. H gave them a timely admonition
wch tended to quiet them, in this meeting I obtained comfortable

1811 relief; this brot. with it renewed strength to my poor mind,
wch. has been frequently involved in gloom & discouragement,
we paid 3 more family visits, 2 of which were very trying.
Downham Next morning went to Downham meeting, where I expected
to be silent, but on the contrary, I had to speak first in tes-
timony afterwards in supplication, which left the reward
Wreham of Peace. In the afternoon went to Wreham to a meeting at
5 o'clock, here we found a few apparently lukewarm pro-
fessors who were not spared before their neighbours, by my
companions, what I had to express was in a different way.
Brandon Then we went to a meeting at Brandon, only one family
belonging to it, & they from home, however a few neighbours
came in, it proved pretty satisfactory. A meeting was
Thetford next held at Thetford, I was silent in the two last. The
following morning attended meeting at Mildenhall, a few
frds. belonging thereto, we all united in labour. Then to
Bury Bury St. Edmunds to a meeting in the evening with frends
& others, we staid over 1st Day here, previously we called
on frds. in Town, after tea at Robt. Kemp's, many friends
being present, we had I think a favoured oppy, for which
I wish to be truly thankful. 1st Day morning attended
their meeting, A. A. silent for the first time since we have
been together; A B & myself had the service to ourselves,
at the close A. A wished to have the neighbours invited in
the evening, Saml. Alexander came to us here, the meeting

1811 was largely attended, we three as well as Saml Alexander were all employed in the exercise of our gifts. On 2d day

Sudbury went to Sudbury to the house of Jno. King, the meeting here was large & satisfactory, we were all a little engaged. We next

Long Melford went to Long Melford to a public meeting held in an Assembly Room, here we were all again engaged to labour, & it proved

Needham tolerably comfortable. We next went to Needham to the house of our dear friend Saml. Alexander, the meeting here was large & satisfactory. Next day went abt. 8 miles to a small meeting composed of frds. & others, the forepart trying, at length a little strength was given, & I ventured to say a little, wch. proved like giving out the text for the rest, & it

Needham ended, I hope, well. We returned to Needham, here we part with our dr frd. Ben. Dull, he is going towards London. Attended the week-day meeting at Needham, in which I felt

Ipswich my mind somewhat cheered. On 7th day went to Ipswich to the house of our dr frd Sykes Alexander, the prospect of entering on the family visit here is very trying, I do feel desirous of getting into resignation's harbour, & there to wait quietly, but this I find hard work, & under a feeling of deep poverty & unfitness for the work, I am ready to be quite dismayed, & to say, who is sufficient for these things, surely not I. Hearing of the death of Richd Gurney, A.B. inclined to go to Norwich to attend the funeral, this proved a close exercise, as being anxious to get forward. We attended Meeting here, & I was much ex-

1811 exercised in both of them be enabled to obtain relief, we took
Tea at Jno Thewell's, & had an oppy of expressing what was
on my mind to his young men, for whom I had felt much, after
Ipswich which we retd to our quarters, & kindly sympathized with by
our dear friends Dykes & Max: Alexander, we had an oppy
with their young folks, after which was favoured to have a
Norwich good nights rest. John Dead took us in a chaise to Nor-
wich, he is indeed a truly kind fd. we attended the funeral
of poor Richd Gurney, it was very large & quiet, during a
solemn pause at the grave side, A B knelt & supplicated
partly on behalf of the near Relatives of the deceased,
A. Hull also came to the interment & was largely engaged,
Sa Bleckley in prayer & I in a short testimony, the meeting
concluded I think comfortably. Next morning went to break-
fast with the widow of Rd Gurney, A Hull & Saml Alexander
were there, an oppy ensued, 2 of the daughters were present
also 2 or 3 of her Brothers & a niece, very gay, not at all
like friends, tis sorrowful to observe how riches in many in-
stances, instead of producing thankfulness & additional
watchfulness on the part of those who possess them, from a
grateful sense of the increased obligation they are under,
are too frequently led from the path of self denial, into
inconvenient & hurtful things. Rachel Gurney, the widow,
seemed in a very quiet pleasant disposition, feels her
loss deeply, but patiently, she walked with us into her

1811 plantation, and then sent her carriage with us, to the place
Norwich we were going. We concluded it was best to enter upon the
family visit here at present, & paid 5 visits today, after
leaving Ra. Gurney's, Jos. Gurney offered, if agreeable, to
to accompany us, wch. appeared agreeable to Frds. as
well as ourselves, we have now proceeded on a good way
Jos. Gurney's help & services very acceptable to us, we have
had some painful sittings, yet help is graciously afforded
& ability has been given to speak what we apprehended to be
the Truth, & altho' bonds & afflictions await us, in thus entering
into the states of individuals, yet there is an arm underneath.
1st Day, attended both meetings, in the first A. in testimony
wch. seemed to raise the life a little, & I was engaged in sup-
-plication, the afternoon poor & silent, except a little expressed
by Jos: Gurney at the beginning, in the evening paid 3 family
visits, & retd to our lodgings in good measure peaceful. We
pursued our arduous Labours till they were finished at
Norwich, & feeling my self, liberated from the prospect I had
in going to Ipswich by my dr. companion being willing to give
me up, I believe we do mutually experience an increasing
regard for each other, but truly glad I am to feel myself
so soon set at liberty. Frds. here intend setting me to Hun-
-tingdon by my husband ~~I expect will, or there meet me~~
~~there~~ met me there, to our mutual rejoicing. We got
to York the evening Day, lodged at Henry Tukes who was

1811 truly kind, I reached our comfortable home at Darlington next day.

Elizabeth Robson's third Journey with Certificate, was to visit the families of Friends, in Birmingham, Liverpool & Manchester, accompanied by her Brother Isaac Stephenson, in the Spring of the year 1812.

On our way to Birmingham, we attended the Meetings

Sheffield at Sheffield on 1st Day, in the first, we both were a little engaged in the ministry, in the afternoon my Brother

Darby only, 2d Day morn. I left early & reached Darby in the Evening, & had the company of a few friends in the Evening with whom we had a comfortable opp.y, ~~but~~ on our way we called upon our worthy fr.d Jos. Storrs of Chesterfield.

Birmingham 3d Day abt. 5 o'clock arrived at Birmingham, & met a kind reception from our fr.ds Saml. & Rachel Lloyd. 4th Day, the 2M.

1812 for Warwick Leicester & Rutland was held, the meeting was measurably favoured, my Brother first moved in supplication, G Jones in testimony, then Sa: Lamley, myself a little, next Ma: Capper, myself ~~a little more~~ in supplication, then Sa. Lamley, the Truth did not arise, I think, to any great ~~Length~~ height, but on the whole comfortable. A very nice testimony for Jno. Cash of Coventry was produced, also a minute for Han: Robinson of Birmingham (sister to Jno Storrer of Nottingham) Ma: Capper mentioned she had often felt comfortable in sitting by her during her last illness.

Birmingham 2nd Mo 5th

I feel comfortable respecting this days work, but how the family visit is to be got over I know not. Saml Baker has offered to accompany us. 5th Day evening, we have had 8 sittings today, some poor ones, in others a little ability has been given to labour, & strength afforded to clear our minds, we are much united in our views wch is a great comfort indeed, but it is very trying work & close exercise attends, before we can come at the right thing. We get on pretty rapidly on with the visits, but times I feel very peaceful, for which I am thankful. It is pleasant to meet with those with whom we can feelingly unite, one sitting in particular we recently had, was really a baptizing one, with a frd, his wife, one son & 4 daughters. First day 3 Mo

I was silent in the morning, Bro. I thot lively. In the afternoon I was much tried for awhile, under an apprehension

1812 of a requiring to supplicate first for the King, then for the present Rulers, that the King might be supported under his present affliction, & they inclined for peace, also to petition for some different states present, after a struggle I gave up, & was, I thot, much helped through, after which I had a little to express in the line of ministry. I was favoured to feel peaceful & thankful in the Evening. ~~We general to ha 7 or 8~~ We generally have 7 or 8 sittings each day, except meeting days, we have this day (4 Mo. 3) been in the country & have only had 4. We have visited the widow of Sampson Lloyd & sat with her maid separately, she was very kind, & we had upon the whole an agreeable visit, many humiliating circumstances has of late occurred, tending to humble this rich family, & I hope had a profitable effect on the different branches, we have sat with two of the widows of Charles Lloyd's sons, one a very mournful one, the other seems to feel it deeply but patiently, & I hope a visitation is mercifully extended, one of C L's sons has been so debilitated as to make his recovery doubtful, & ~~another~~ the daughter Caroline is deceased a little time ago, so that it has been an awakening time to them. We finished the family visit on 6th Day (4 Mo) Bro. Isaac feeling desirous to see the Elders & overseers of the meeting, we met them at a friend's house on 7th Day Evening, & I think I may say it was a precious uniting season.

Sirmingham.

The meetings on 1st Day got over better by far than I had

1812 Birming-ham } anticipated, & we parted with Friends in great love, & particularly dear Samuel & Rachel Lloyd, whose kindness & sympathy towards us, nearly united us together, & may thankfully say, left the place in much peace. Jas. Baker & Geo: Robinson went with us to Jos. Stanley's, abt 7 Miles, they belonging Birmingham Meeting, after sitting with them, we pursued our Journey, ~~stopping~~ stopping all night at Wm. Masters' near Stafford, & spent an agreeable Evening. Next day proceeded on pleasantly feeling our minds somewhat more at liberty, tho' not without anticipating many trials at Liverpool, so that I am ready to say, "when one wae is passed, another cometh". I believe we paid at Birmingham abt. 100 visits, & were two days short of three weeks at that place. — On

Liverpool our arrival at L'pool we rec'd a kind reception from Nicks Waterhouse's family. 5th Day have been at Meeting, at which was a marriage, the names of the young people were Tho: Wood & Mary Laycock, Brother & myself silent, Marg't. Binns expressed a little to the parties. ~~Since meeting~~ ~~xx~~ After meeting we sat with a widower & 4 small children, & dined at Isaac Hadwen's. 4 Mo. 21st — we have got on pretty comfortably with the family visit, sometimes we feel refreshed, & at other times have to enter into deep mourning, on acct. of the deviations of those we visit. ~~xx~~ we have now had more than 50 sittings & expect to have

1812 ~~so~~ more that so get to take, I am often very weary at
Liverpool nights, & also feel the effects in a morning when I rise, yet
when we get into our work I feel better, & can truly say, that
strength is administered equal to the trial of the Day, every
way. 4 Mo: 24th Our engagements here are particularly ar-
-duous, so much deviation from the simplicity into which the
Truth would lead, that it is very exercising work, we had
nine sittings yesterday, & I think it was one of the hardest days
we have had since leaving home. On first day, I had a
little to do in both meetings. 2d Day, we have had 8 sittings,
my mind was in a very low spot all day, I seemed almost
ready to give up every thing, but Brother much favoured in
almost every sitting, indeed I think it hath usually been
the case with us, that we have not both been in a low spot
together, & thus we have been enabled to help each other.
When it was proposed we should ~~in~~ sit in the large fa-
-mily where we were quartered, I felt very poor & unfit, &
did not expect to be able to do any good, but after endea-
-vouring to get into stillness & resignation, the Truth arose,
& we had truly a baptizing season, what cause of gratitude
thus to experience, divine Aid to be strength, w.h is made
more conspicuously manifest, in our weakness. The sense
of this remained with me for some time after. Attended
week-day meeting, Brother had something lively to express,
I was silent, feeling poor & stripped. Wm. Farrer has kindly

accompanied us thro' this visit, we have had 10 sittings, 1812
on 6th Day Evening we had a meeting for the young
friends of this place, wch. proved a watering season, & for
which I felt a degree of thankfulness. Attended Mtg.
on 1st Day at Lpool, I felt it my place to say a little Liverpool
by way of testimony & also to offer in supplication
wch. afforded me great relief, ~~&c~~ altho' the meeting
was a deeply exercising one. On 2d Day left Lpool
Thos. Binns with us, stop'd some hours at our truly
kind friends Jnn. & Eliz. Bludwick's at Warrington,
it felt like a rest by the way. I was very weary
when we arrived at Manchester. On entering upon Manchester
the family visit at this place, I felt poor in mind, but
had 9 sittings the first day, Bro: Isaac lively in all
except one, in which we were both silent. 4th Day was
their week-day meeting, Bro: had something to express,
myself poor & silent, I have felt much stripped since
coming here, yet now & then the light arises, & with it a
little ability to labour, here are many valuable
friends ~~to~~ at this place, we think it may not prove so
trying a meeting as Lpool, where are many young men
who seem to have little but the name. 6 Day. we are
favoured to get on, I hope I may say, well, inasmuch
as best help is afforded from one time to another,
wch. bears up & supports under our various provings &

trials, wch are many in this going about, & I believe indeed, 1812
that in order to the work going rightly forward, it is needful
for the visitors to experience many reductions, & I think I
have never felt more deeply proved than since coming
here, tossed as upon the waves & billows, & yet in the midst
of these, I have frequently witnessed, His power, to arise, Manchester
who formerly commanded the winds & the waves to be still,
& they ~~have~~ obeyed. — Soon after we entered on this en-
-gagement at Manchester, it felt to me as tho' I could not
proceed, without first returning to Lpool to have a meeting Liverpool
with the Sailors, I mentioned to Bro: & several other friends
who encouraged it, & we ~~rd~~ returned, & many of this de-
-scription were invited, but on acct: of the press frds tho't
it would be difficult to get them together, they were in-
-vited to the afternoon meeting on 1st Day, I suppose abt 50
or 60 Sailors came, & I believe it was a satisfactory Meeting,
Sis: Hadwen, E Bladwick, Bro. Isaac took a part, I was
engaged in Testimony & Supplication, wch tended to my
~~rd~~ relief in part, & I had a comfortable hope, that this
sacrifice was accepted, the poor men were solid & attentive,
we lodged at Js. Hadwen's, N W's family being gone to Har-
-rogate, several frds came to see us in the evening, when
we had a solemn favoured opply. On 2d Day we retd to
Manchester & resumed our labours, Jos. Atkinson accompa-
-nies us sometimes, also Jas. Broadshaw. Had a comfortable

1812 opportunity at John Thorp's, towards the close he expressed his thankfulness for the same, we dined with him. Friends here are much ~~consistent~~ more consistent in their outward

Manchester appearance than at Pool, & there are many nice Friends, & yet our engagements are very exercising, but so long as best help is afforded, we have no cause to complain of the hardness of the work, but quite the contrary, to be thankful, in being thought worthy to be employed in any little matter, if it only be like opening or shutting a door in the house of the Lord, it is enough. We have now got this exercising visit accomplished, wch feels pleasant and relieving to me, having got rid of a great burden. Returned home in Peace.

1813 Eliz: Robson visited Ireland, accompanied by her Brother Isaac Stephenson in the year 1813.

The particulars of this visit will be found in a folio manuscript Book.

1814 E Robson visited the Counties of Somerset, Dorset, Hants, Devon & Cornwall & the Scilly Islands, attended the Yearly Meeting & took Meetings on her return home, Mary Naftel accompanied her partly, & Sarah Rundell joined her on the Scilly Islands. 1814. see particulars below. ~~this Journey was performed in the year 1814.~~

I attended the Yearly Meeting wch. was I thot thro' its several sittings much favoured, I found a little to do in sundry services during its continuance.

Feeling very destitute, knowing of no companion in the extensive prospect I had before me, at the close of one meeting Mary Naftel came & offered herself believing it right so to do, this was cause of thankfulness to my poor mind. From London I went down to Shaftsbury in Dorsetshire, having a prospect of a little service in that place. 1st Day 7th Mo. attended meeting with Frds. in the morning, & was enabled to relieve my mind pretty comfortably among them, in the evening, the neighbours being invited, the house was full, it was I think a good meeting, I was engaged

Shaftsbury

1814 both in testimony & supplication, & on returning to my quar-
Shaftsbury. ters, I felt peace to flow sweetly, & humble gratitude covered
my mind in a greater degree than I have often experienced.

I went from hence to Marshall, W.m & Rel. Byrd from home.
Marshall the meeting appointed at 11 o'clock, the friends generally
made a consistent appearance, but the life of religion did
not seem to rise into much dominion, however they were
exhorted to labour after daily bread &c. A fr. present ap-
peared in supplication on behalf of all present, & more
especially on my acct., that I might be strengthened in
performing my present mission, revived in every drooping
season, & permitted to return in safety to my dear family.
I cannot be sufficiently thankful, for the strength and
consolation w.ch has been handed me since leaving home,
when I have been ready to sink & my faith to fail, my
mind has been unexpectedly revived, & the mountains to
disappear; if I may but be favoured to do that w.ch is right
during my absence from home, so as to be favoured with
the reward of Peace, I dont at this time feel a dread of suf-
fering, a pretty large portion of this is what I look for, oh!
that I may stand firm in every trying season, be enough
engaged to bow to the Root, & derive my sustenance there-
from, that so whenever I minister, it may be in the life,
w.ch may answer to the life in others. After dining, we
rode to Shaftsbury & had Sam.l Rundel & T. Clark's company.

1814 I next attended a meeting at Sherborne, being also their
Mo: Meeting, it was small, but pretty comfortable on the
Sherborne whole, after we got set down in it, I felt for a time extreme
=ly poor & tried, could feel no light any way, at length the
prospect of a meeting with the Inhabitants in the evening
opened, & light arose with it, when I felt willing to submit,
provided way opened for it, after this an exercise on behalf
of Friends occupied my mind 10^ct. I got relievingly through.
The public meeting began at 6 o'clo: it was not large on
the men's side, pretty many women present, I was strength.
-ened to explain a little of the nature of true baptism, &
of gospel ministry, & concluded in supplication. At the
close, a genteel looking man came & shook hands, & said, he
that we had, had a good meeting, I acknowledged, I thot so too,
& was thankful, he replied, we ought to be thankful, and
that we had experienced something of being baptized into
the one spirit. I understood he was a dissenting minister.
Compton We next went to Compton to the house of Thos. Thompson,
who has had a large school, but he is now about giving it
up, attended meeting & expressed what was on my mind,
feeling sympathy for Thomas who I believe is an exercised
fr^d. the meeting principally his own family, I was in a
low spot all the afternoon, & seemed to myself to be a poor
Yeovil lonely thing. I next went to Yeovil, accompanied by 7
of T. Thompson's family, the meeting small, but was helped

1814 to discharge what I apprehended was called for at my
hand, I thot the Truth arose into a good degree of dominion,
Yeovil & I was much comforted. T. Thompson's son Jonah went
on with me, — One of T. T's pupils was Stanley Pumphrey's
son Samuel, I asked him if he remembered his Mother,
he said he did, & shed tears, (see piety promoted by Jly Bevan)
however I encouraged him by reminding him, that he was
well off in his second Mother, to which he readily agreed,
I advised him to be a good Boy, he was very tender back then
& in an opply we had, he is a very nice innocent ~~Boy~~ Lad, of
quick capacity, but exceedingly afflicted with the Scrophu.
Wincanton-la. We went next to Wincanton, where we met with Thos
Thompson & his wife, I found they had held their week-day meeting
that day, however not feeling clear without sitting with
them, we had a comfortable contriting season, I had a little
encouragement to hand to the elder frs. & counsel to the young.
the evening we spent in pleasant social conversation,
part of it was respecting Saml. Clothier Bryan, representing him
as a deep minister, but singular in his manners, remarkably
abstemious beatremely homely, he used to say, there wanted a
pair of great shears in almost every house to cut off super.
Frome fluities. — Our next meeting was at Frome, wch. proved an
open one with the few friends assembled, sympathy was felt
with them, expressed, & I had to encourage them to look unto
Him from whom all effectual helps cometh. A public meeting

1814 was held in the Evening. The house not full, for awhile
I felt discouraged, as I apprehended some mismanagement
Frome had been the cause, at length the cloud dispersed, & I was
strengthened to speak what was before me, wch was respecting
the necessity of our coming to the substance of all true re-
-ligion & I think the meeting ended well. From this place
Bath we proceeded to Bath, attended meeting in the morning, but
I think I never endured a more close conflict than for a
while in the forepart of it, calling the Town's people together
had been much with me, but cd not see it with that clearness
I wished for, nor cd I get from under the weight of it, but endea-
-vouring after patience & resignation, the way at length o-
-pened to have the people invited, after this was attained to,
I was concerned to move in testimony wch I was enabled
to get thro' to my relief, describing the great difference be-
-tween a state of obedience & disobedience, handing encou-
-ragement to the exercised amongst them, & shewing the need
there was for the negligent to be careful to improve the
present time. When I sat down the evening meeting was
before me again, & was dismayed at the prospect, but was
reminded, that I had admonished others, not to cast away
their confidence wch had great recompence of reward, & I must
practice what I had preached, this settled all my objections.
Priscilla Gurney appeared sweetly in supplication, & when the
meeting closed I informed her of my prospect wch she kindly mea-

1814 mentioned to Fr.ds who took the needful care. I dined at
Sus.a Nash's. The meeting in the evening was very large,
Bath I sat ~~down~~ in it bowed down with exercise, but was soon
strengthened to speak pretty largely. P. Gurney was also
engaged in lively testimony, & I offered in supplication, it
was a favoured meeting for which I was truly thankful.
S. Nash & her daughter & some other Fr.ds came to sup with us
at my quarters (P.G's) we had a ~~pleasant~~ precious season together,
our spirits felt nearly united, & the voice of thanksgiving
was vocally raised for the mercies enjoyed that day. Went
Hollowtrow next to Hollowtrow to a meeting previously appointed, only
7 persons besides ourselves members, 4 not members came
in, here I was enabled to do what afforded me relief.

Went to attend the Qu. ~~Meeting~~ Meeting for Bristol &
Somersetshire held at Glastonbury held of 6th Mo: the
meetings of Ministers & Elders began at 6 — my certificate
Glaston- was called for, as was customary, A true Friend Clerk, who
-bury was sympathizing & kind, & said, on considering the ardu-
-ous service in which I was engaged, he thot I claimed their
feeling & sympathy, he expressed much encouragement,
believing that I should be helped to perform what I had in
prospect & be favoured to return to my family & friends
in Peace, two or three more Fr.ds had something similar
to express, & I was comforted a little thereby. In the Qm.
at large I was enabled to discharge apprehended duty,

1812 which was to me a very comfortable one. The business
of the women's meeting was transacted agreeably. I was
concerned to encourage them in occupying with their talents,
Glastonbury but not hold back improperly wch would tend to weakness &
poverty, on the other hand, by making use of the little strength
wch they had, it would increase, & peace would be the reward
for every act of dedication, however small. Ann Grace
made some addition by way of approbation in warmer
terms than I approved. Richd Reynolds was at this QM, a
venerable looking man, he was very kind. On 5th Day
Street I attended meeting at Street, small, but satisfactory, dined
at Jos. Clark's, after which retd to Glastonbury to an appointed
Glastonbury public meeting, in which I felt so stript for a long time, I
thot I shd have nothing to do in it, at length Thos. Clark stood
up & spoke awhile, when he was done I was prepared to
go on with the subject, & when I had done Jos. Metford pretty
much in the same strain at first, & then turned to another
subject, something in the same way quickly came before me,
& he soon sat down, I then continued it & felt relieved, I con-
-cluded in supplication. We spent a pleasant evening
in Jos: Metford's family. T. Clark took me in his chaise
to Long Sutton in which Summerton frd unite, it was small
& things seemed low amongst them, however I endeavoured
to labour according to ability afforded, shewing the necessity
of endeavoring to maintain the watch at all times be.

1814 We went 2 miles to dine at John Gillets, then to Sherinster
Sherinster to James Mallets abt. 9 miles, he has a wife & 6 children, a
nice family, the meeting was very small, I was enabled under
feelings of weakness to hand some encouragement, also to
supplicate on their behalf. We went to breakfast with two
of J M's sisters who keep a shop, James & his wife being with
us, we had a precious opportunity & left them in Peace.
Bridport After this we went to Bridport to the house of Wm. Stephens
who have 15 children, 11 at home, the meeting small, only
2 families & 2 or 3 single persons belong thereto, things seemed
rather low, but towards the close pretty comfortable, & I hope
it ended well in vocal supplication. In the evening the
neighbours were invited, the house well filled, it proved
an open meeting, the people quiet & attentive, I had to ex-
plain a little of the nature of true worship, & the necessity of
both ministers & hearers waiting on him who is the Minister
of Ministers, it was concluded in supplication. Having
those public meetings are very trying to me, but I was helped
from one time to another, that I hope the Truth did not
suffer, have had fellow-helpers in all of them. From hence
Exeter we went to the monthly meeting at Exeter wch. was satisfactory
to me, a few nice frds. belonging thereto, our worthy ancient frd Ann
Byrd sat next to me, a sweet woman, I am going to take tea with
her before I leave. In the evening had a public meeting wch.
proved satisfactory, Jona. Binns & Ann Byrd took a part in

1814 the service, I was glad it got so well over. — Our next meeting
was at Topsham for the inhabitants generally, Ann Dymond
Topsham I found had felt something towards a meeting at that place, she
& her Bro: John & his wife (Olive Dymond) accompanied, it proved
agreeable, it was held in a dissenting M. House, A. Dymond had
Honiton the principal service. Next meeting was at Honiton of the
same description, held in a presbyterian M. House, a large
number ~~of~~ gathered & they behaved well, & I trust the power
of Truth in good measure prevailed, J & O. Dymond accompanied
me in a chaise, & expressed their satisfaction with the meeting,
being very different to the meetings formerly held in that place,
the people being rude & dissatisfactory, being so disturbed.
The company & sympathy of these dear friends was strength-
ening to me, I consider them ~~substantial consistent friends~~.
Exmouth The next meeting was at Exmouth, held in an Assembly
Room, ~~it was held~~ in the forenoon, a pretty large number of
the genteeler sort of people came, & I was enabled after some
secret discouragement to get thro' to my comfortable relief.
I was again accompanied by J & O. Dymond brothers, we rett
to Exeter, a pleasant ride thro' a beautiful country & enjoyed
each others company in cheerful conversation. We called
upon a few families in this City & had some precious op-
portunities together. — Before leaving Exeter, we had an
heart tendering time in Jn.° Dymond's family, children
very hopeful. Thomas Sparks a valuable Elder, offered to

1814 accompany me to the meetings of Kingsbridge & Modbury
& so on to Plymouth, (T. Sparks & Ann Dymond Sen.r are
our Brother & Sister to the late Mary Ridgway. We left
Exeter on 7th Day & reached Kingsbridge in the Evening
& went to E & J. Prideaux, kind & agreeable friends, we
Kingsbridge were not entertained in high style, but with great hospi-
-tality, the meeting was an exercising one, they appear
to be satisfying themselves with the exterior of religion
& the enjoyments of outward comforts, I endeavoured with
much caution & tenderness to express my concern for such,
also to encourage the rightly exercised, & therein had
peace. In the evening had a meeting for the people
of the Town, it was large & I think solid, tho' exercising,
both in prospect & at the time, however I was strengthened
to relieve my mind pretty fully in Testimony, but being
engaged in supplication after, for fear of continuing too
long, I ceased too soon, & kept back a part w.ch ought to have
been uttered, so that I had not those feelings of relief
afforded after, w.ch I have known to be the case. I find it a
very nice matter neither to add, nor diminish that w.ch
opens in the life, I desire to learn experience by the things
Modbury w.ch I suffer. Second Day Morning we went to Modbury to
the house of Wm. Prideaux, he & his wife appear to be valua-
-ble friends, only 2 families belong to this meeting with
whom we sat. — In the evening a meeting with the Inha.

1814 Inhabitants was held, it was discouraging at first so few came, but afterwards it became numerous, the people were as quiet as if it had been a friends meeting, it ended well for which I was thankful, frds expressed their satisfaction, & were glad it had been held. On 3d Day the 28th of 6th Mo: we got to Plymouth. The Qu. Meeting of Ministers & Elders at this place was small, not more than 14 present including Robt. Fowler, Jona: Binns, T. Sparks & myself strangers, it was notwithstanding lively & several had a little to express. The succeeding meetings pretty large, we had several appearances in the ministry, but I thot it rather a low time, in the women's meeting I was enabled to get my mind relieved, my concern extended to parents & then to the young people & the meeting was much tendered. — A public meeting was after this appointed at Dock nr Plymouth, it was not large, but the people behaved well, I thot Jona. Binns & Robt. Fowler favoured in testimony, I endeavoured to relieve my mind, wch I had some difficulty in doing, having a troublesome cough, however I was favoured to get thro' so as to feel peaceful. My Cough being bad, I kept house pretty much on 6th Day, except calling on a few frds, in one of those calls, we had a consolatory opply. On 7th Day went into the country to see Sarah Willey a widow with 6 children, a few others being present, we had an opply with them in the evening, these two days have afforded me some time for recruiting my bodily strength a little, but I

Plymouth

1814 never feel more comfortable & easy, than after a day of hard
exercise, when I have endeavoured faithfully to discharge my
Plymouth duty, I dont like to eat the bread of Idleness. On first Day
Jona. Binns returned from Cove where he resides to Plymouth, in
time for the morning meeting, wch was a very exercising one to
me, at length I was enabled to relieve my mind pretty fully,
in rather a close testimony, in which it seemed my business
to revive the trials & sufferings of our ancient frds for the
sake of the precious cause of Truth, also the testimonies given
unto them to bear, & to call upon some to consider their pri-
-viledges, & what it was wch enabled them thus to suffer, & to
become so conspiculously useful in their day, that the same
Power was still as able to qualify Instruments for useful-
-ness & the meeting was concluded in supplication. J. Binns
was very acceptable in testimony. In the evening was a
very large public meeting, wch I trust was much favoured, the
people were solid, J B was an acceptable fellow-labourer.
On 2d Day a meeting was held at Morris's Town in a Methodist
M-House, this place is contiguous to Dock, the Seamen and
Fisher-men were invited, & many came as well as the Town's
people, it was pretty full, my companion Mary Naftel joined
me here, & took a part in the service, & also J Binns. We retd
to Plymouth. Next morning we set off for Liskard, dining
Liskard at Jnr. Brown's of Landrake by the way, we were kindly rcd
at Saml. Rundell's. In the evening attended the 2n Meeting

1814 for Ministers & Elders, the whole number abt. 16, nothing par-
-ticular occurred, but it was to me a strengthening time. The
meeting at large was small for a 2 M. & silent for a considerable
Liskard time, at length several frds. moved as Rt. Fowler, J. Binns, Mary
Naftel, Ma. Bowden & at the close I was engaged to supplicate,
it was not a very lively meeting to my feelings. The women's
business was agreeably conducted, & some things arising with
a degree of clearness I expressed them & felt relieved. In the
afternoon took tea at Jns. Allen's who married a daughter of
Geo: Foxe's of Falmouth. Feeling attracted to a place called
Gunny's Lake where there is a Copper Mine & friends uniting
Gunny's Lake with the prospect, way was ~~was~~ made for a meeting, it was held in
a large Club Room wch. was much crowded by the poor Miners,
principally with their wives & children, I was pretty soon
ready to speak, after I had done M. Naftel succeeded, then
Rt. Fowler in a short agreeable testimony, but I felt such a
flow of goodwill for the people, that I seemed as tho' I could
scarcely get relieved, I had to describe the benefit wch. those
derived who submitted to the circumscribing power of Truth
in themselves, so that their lives might thereby be regulated
& their domestic comforts would thus be increased & the people
expressed their satisfaction with the meeting in different ways,
& we were glad that we had come thro' some difficulties to it. We
parted here with our dear frd R. Fowler, he is a very sweet humble
minded man, kind & sympathizing. — We next went to a meeting

1814 at Tideford with friends, it was small, but comfortable, some
Tideford honest hearted ones among them I thought. We dined at Nicholas
Sansom's a descendant from Oliver Sansom. After this we
Looe went to Looe to the house of Sarah Tucker & had a meeting with
Liskard the few Frds. at that place, then rode to Liskard to an appointed
public meeting wch. was largely attended, & was I trust a good
Meeting, wherein the great Master himself has been near,
both to those who spoke & those who heard, I think I experienced
Him to be, Tongue & Utterance, Mouth & Wisdom, & a degree of
humble gratitude has been felt therefore. Many of the
peoples hearts appeared like the thirsty ground. 3rd Day
Austle 7th Mo: 12th attended Austle Meeting ~~in the morning~~, felt much for
some of the dear young people who appear to be well inclined,
& endeavoured to encourage them, Samuel Rundell came
with us to this place. In the evening held a meeting with the
Inhabitants, it proved a trying one, but I hope at length the
testimony gained some ground. We next had a meeting at
Nevogisey Nevogisey with Frds. & such who usually attend, the meeting an
exercising one, we laboured amongst them, but did not obtain
much relief. In the evening we had a large ~~people~~ meeting
with the neighbours, some seamen among them, & I hope on the
whole was satisfactory. I missed my right time for moving &
when that is the case, it is much if another present equally
favourable. I wish to be instructed by all my mistakes.
Charles Town } Our next meeting was at a place called Charles-Town a small

1814 place by the sea side, the people, methodists & some seamen, it was held in Methodist M. house, it was a relieving Meeting to me, N Naftel I thot much favoured. Another meeting was next held at a place called Terwardreth in a methodist M. house. It proved a wet evening & I was discouraged, thinking no body would come out, but after we sat down the people begun to come & at length the house was nearly full, & a very lively meeting it was, there appeared great openness in the minds of the people to receive what was expressed, & I think I was never favoured with more strength for such an occasion. N. & S. Rundell both had acceptable service, it held till near dark, & great solemnity prevailed to the last, we returned to Austle.

Terwardreth.

Wadebridge The following morning set off for Wadebridge by way of Bodmin and arrived on 7th Day Evening, next morning attended their Meeting, very small. In the evening had one with the Inhabitants, as large as the place would contain, & it proved comfortable, after this we had a lively opp.y in the family of Edw.d Foss. 2d Day

Truro morning we went to Truro to the house of Wm. Tweedy. We had a meeting in the methodist M. House, a very large building, there appeared to be some well disposed people, but it was a trying, exercising meeting, however we were not sorry that it was held, we must be willing to do the worst of the work, as well as the best, we find a great difference in the feelings wch. attend these meetings, those among the poor are generally more agreeable, than those among the high professors. On 3d Day

1814 we went to Parran to the house of Geo. Fox, abt. 6 Miles from
Fal- ~~Plym~~mouth, we dined & spent a little time agreeably with them,
Parran ~~their~~ son George has a house adjoining, whose wife died in
child-bed abt. 10 ~~wk~~ weeks ago & left 5 min little girls,
a sore stroke to them all, but I hope a profitable dispen-
Falmouth sation. In the afternoon went to Falmouth to the house of
Richd Fox, & had a meeting ~~with fr.~~ in the evening for the
neighbours held in fr. meeting-house, very large, several
seamen attended, it was an open time & particularly re-
-lieving to my mind, I believed it my place to call the at-
-tention of the people to consider how far a grateful return
had been made for the favours recently received. Next day
was monthly meeting, in it I endeavoured to labour honest-
-ly amongst them, I believe there are some valuable friends,
but too much greatness in others, & mixing with the world
& conforming to its ways, & when the spirit of the world is
got into, how does it lay waste the testimony, & even to tram-
-ple upon it, & despise it, accounting the blood of the covenant
as an unholy thing. I felt comfortable afterwards. We
Penryn next had a public meeting at Penryn, Catherine Fox of-
-fered her carriage w.ch was an accomodation, when we got
to the place the meeting was pretty much gathered in the
Town's Hall, at length it was quite filled & proved satisfac-
-tory, great openness in the minds of the people to receive
what was expressed. We ret.d to Falmouth, & next morning

1814 went to Saml. Tregallis' to Breakfast, he has a nice family of Children, 8 sons & 8 daughters, 13 of them at home, their mother died a few years ago, whose loss they yet seem much to feel, Saml. brot. a grievous reproach upon the society poor man by his fall, but I suppose he has latterly been moral in his

Falmouth conduct, & is now re-instated into membership, & I hope con-cerned for his children's good. We had an opp.y with them encouraging the young people to a close attention to that Principle wch. alone can preserve from evil, also expressing some desires for his preservation. We retd to our quarters at Bro. Fox's whose wife is a valuable minister. — We

Parran went back to Parran to a meeting among the Miners, many came, it was comfortable in good degree, the poor people in this part of the Country, have undoubtedly been of late remark-ably visited, wch. has produced a great & visible change in their conduct, much less dissipation than formerly, many seem sin-cere hearted, if they only keep in the quietness; but there has been great extravagancies among them, yet they are now better, several who joined the methodists have left them again. Some meetings we have had amongst them, the time of silence has really felt sweet, they sit very still & their countenances are grave, I long that the good work may

Scorrier prosper. On 6th Day evening we had a meeting at Scorrier a-mong the same class of men, wch. was attended with solemni-ty. They were recommended to a calm, quiet dependance

1814 on the spirit of Truth, endeavouring to shew them the necessity
Cornier of not performing religious acts in the warmth of their own
spirits, to be careful how they spent their strength in this
way & the meeting ended well, indeed the feeling was so
comfortable at last, that I thot I could have remained long
among them, lodged at Jno. Williams' at Burncourse. On
looking over the labours of the week, having had 6 public
meetings & two with friends, my heart is filled with thank-
fulness for the help wch. has been extended. Next attended
Redruth a meeting at Redruth on 1st Day morning the 24th of 7th mo.
it proved a trying one, we neither of us could get our minds
relieved, but both felt as tho' it was our place to go thro' the
families at this place. In the evening we had a meeting
with the neighbours wch. was very large, held in frds. new
M. House, it was composed of a great variety, ~~of classes~~
~~of the people~~, they behaved well bt proved comfortable.

We visited the families belonging this meeting, & have
had a searching time among them, some very trying things
have occurred, & a few ~~have~~ had set up a separate Meeting,
but these have acknowledged their error & have agreed to unite
with their frds., attended their week day meeting wch. afforded
us a good deal of relief. — We had a meeting in ~~the~~ a school-
house, many sober persons present, I thot it much favored
the people, some of them, much tendered. We rtd to our
family visit & had 5 sittings on 3d Day & a meeting at Carharrick

1814 with the Miners bothers, but when we got to it, we were
half an hour after the time, however, my mind had been with
Cubarick them sometime, the house was full of people very quiet &
still, they seemed to be prepared to hear, & I was ready to speak
very soon, & we had a good meeting. I believe many of the
poor people here are truly religious & have rec.d the Truth
so far as it hath been revealed to them in the love of it,
& yet they want deepening in the root of life, & to know an
establishment in righteousness. On 4th Day went to
Redruth meeting in the morning, & in the evening to a public
Tucking Mills one at Tucking Mills, the meeting very large & satisfactory.
On 5th Day went to Portreath a small place by the sea
side, many Miners reside near it, & some vessels being in
Portreath the harbour, we had a meeting with them, & the sailors, it
was held in a Pilchard Shed, it proved a solid meeting.
We lodged at Henry Bath's. Next morning visited a
few families & had some searching labour among them,
some in this, as well as in the Apostles' Days, are apt
to mind their own things, & not the things w.ch are Jesus
Christ's, these are members of Redruth meeting, but tho' we
have been close with some of them, yet they appeared
to take it well. 6th Day evening, we had a meeting at
Crewen among the Miners, very large, & the people seemed
glad to receive the testimony of Truth. On 7th Day went
to Penzance, we sat with fr.ds on 1st Day morning, very small,

1814 and in the evening one was held for the neighbours, they were
not very still, but some were solid, & I trust it was in degree
Penzance owned. We next went to Marazion & had a meeting on the
Mount, wch is a huge Rock in the Sea, on the lower part wch is flat,
Marizion are several houses, & on the higher part is a Chapel & dwelling
house wch has a curious appearance & may be seen many miles
distant, by means of a Causeway there is a communication
between Marizion & the Mount, the meeting was very comfortable
Gulsene for wch I felt thankful. We next had a meeting at Gulsene
a small village, it was pretty large & in the main comfortable,
it was held in a Methodist M. House, there is much openness
towards frds breadiness to come to our meetings in those parts.
St. Leven We retd to Penzance, & then went to St. Leven to a meeting near
Lands End among a raw set of people, tho' some appeared of a
Sennen solier sort. We then went to Sennen to a meeting held in an
old meetg house formerly belonging to friends, but now in the
possession of a Farmer, who readily lent it, I trust the solem-
nizing power of Truth was felt, the people quiet & still, & my
mind was reverently bowed under a sense of the marvellous
condescension of Him, who not only puts forth, but goeth be-
fore, preparing a way in the hearts of the people, we retd
Penzance to Penzance. Next morning to Marazion to the week-day
Marazion meeting, & in the Evening to Hale where we had a large meeting
in the methodist M. House, on first sitting down I felt so
totally destitute of good, that I did not expect I could do any

1814 thing, however I hoped the service would fall to the lot of my
Dale companion, but after she had done speaking, matter sprung
up, & endeavoring to keep close to the opening, some passages
presented with renewed light & I think I had never more ~~at~~
strength given me to speak, nor with greater clearness, thus
I got through comfortably to myself, Sa. Rundell concluded
St Ives in supplication. Next we went to St. Ives to a meeting
at 10, wch. was not large, the time of day not suting. On
5th Day embarked for the Scilly Islands & had a very rough
passage, the wind right a head, we were 20 hours in going,
Scilly wch. is frequently performed in 6, we were thankful, that
Islands we arrived safe. — The first meeting we had was on the
Bryers Island called Bryers, abt. 2½ Miles from Mary's where we
landed, many people came, more than could be accomodated
in the house, a number sat on the grass without, others
stood & behaved well, & we had a satisfactory meeting, I had
pretty much to express, & Sa. Rundell spoke both in tes-
-timony & supplication wch. were lively, her company is very
acceptable to me, after meeting a woman came to me, and
desired me would go & see her husband who was much afflicted
we went, & found him in great distress, he said, he had en-
-deavoured to live as near to God as he could, but this had
come upon him, & that the enemy had so much power over
him, that he sometimes could not help crying out, that he
could not work for his family, but yet he trusted he was not

1814 forsaken, it was affecting to see the poor man in this situation, we advised him to keep still & quiet, & endeavour to get up, & exert all his bodily strength, & we hoped he would be helped to overcome it, it seemed almost, as if an evil spirit was suffered to have power over him. After taking Tea, we crossed to

Tresco the Island of Tresco, where the people were expecting us, the meeting there being previously fixed, it was supposed, that nearly all the people on the Island were present, we had a very favoured meeting, I had to recommend them to a quiet inward waiting, & not to depend upon outward teaching, but to seek unto Him from whence all right qualification for gospel ministry cometh, & who is every where present, & knoweth our hearts, & in a peculiar manner is near unto those who fear Him, the people seemed affected, & near the close, I was enabled to put up, I think, a solemn & fervent supplication on their acct. S. Rundell had also something to express very encouraging. We parted from them very affectionately. My heart was filled with gratitude for the help administered that day, lodged on the Island of Tresco. We rett to ~~Mary's Is~~

Mary's Island } ~~Land~~, Hugh Town, on Mary's Island where we first landed, In the evening held a meeting at Holyvale, 1½ miles from Hugh Town on same Island, it was in the open air, the people quiet & attentive, & appeared satisfied, & very cordial towards us.

We next had a meeting at Old Town, it was held in a convenient corner of the street where we ~~should be~~ were sheltered from the wind,

1814 soon we had a large number of people assembled, & seats were
Mary's Island } brot. & placed near together, we were favoured with a good meeting,
& my mind seemed pretty fully relieved at that time. We then
retd to Hugh Town. After this we crossed to the Island called
St Agnes, & had a meeting in a Warehouse, the people soon gathered,
St Agnes leaving their harvest work, & were very attentive to what was
expressed & it proved an open comfortable meeting. Then we
Sampson's Island } went to Sampson's Island, the people here having heard of us
from the other Islands, were expecting us, & soon collected, &
all came I suppose, who were able on the Island, they were
much pleased that we had visited them, but I did not feel
Martin's Island } fully relieved. On 5th Day we went to Martin's Island,
& collected the people in a new house wch. not being divided
answered pretty well, they appeared a raw set, & some seemed
light at first, but they altered afterwards, & it was I trust a
Mary's favoured meeting. We retd to Mary's where we had a large
meeting with the Inhabitants of Hugh Town held in the
Methodist M. House, I think it was a very precious season,
wherein not only a door of utterance was given, but also a
door of entrance, for which I felt thankful that we should be
thus owned on a desolate Island. I felt desirous of
Sampson's Island } again going to Sampson's Island & when we arrived soon had
the people collected, & had a good meeting, wherein I trust a de-
-gree of the Captivating power of Truth accompanied. We gave
them some children's first Books, encouraging them to teach them

1814 to read & our men frs. offered to send them bibles if they would attend to the subject, acquainting them that many grown up persons had been taught to read, encouraging them

Sampson Island thereto, & it was laid upon one clever woman who could read, to instruct the rest, wch. she agreed to do. We left the Island peacefully, & the people appeared grateful. We then retd to Mary's, made preparation for embarking, & sail'd

Penzance at 3 o clock, were on the water abt. 8 hours & arrived safe. We were on their Islands little more than a week, & had 10 meetings. On looking back at this part of our engagements, & the preservations & help mercifully extended, my heart hath been filled with gratitude, & I believe if any part of my present journey has been right, this was. The first meeting we

Marazion had after landing was a public one at Marizion, the house was full & the meeting comfortable, wherein I trust a degree of the baptizing power of Truth was felt. 2d Day 8 Mo. 21st

Mouse-hole had a meeting at a place called, Mouse-hole, a great many fishermen present, it ended well. 3d Day a meeting was held near the Lizard, here Mary Naftel met me, having been visiting amongst her relations whilst we were on the Islands, a solid feeling was prevalent in this meeting, some methodists were present, a little was expressed respecting running out too much in their own zeal, instead of deepening in the Root, wch. I believe they took well. We retd to Marazion, attended their Mo: Meeting, wch. was larger than usual,

1814 it was like a farewell meeting to me, I had to hand encou-
-ragement to some secretly exercised minds, to invite the young
& tender to come up in that way wch. might be pointed out to
Marazion them to walk in, also to call upon others, not to reject the vi-
-sitations of divine Love for the sake of the friendships of
the world, reminding them, what was to be the portion of
those who deny Christ before men, some were warned a-
-gainst giving way to a spirit of ease & indifference, M.N.
my companion was led in a similar strain, I was concerned
to supplicate at the close. In the women's meeting I made
a few observations, & my mind felt pretty comfortably re-
-lieved. Jno. & P. Williams being at the Mo: Meeting, I felt
inclined to request an opp^y with them, & we had a very
sweet contriting time together, it arose in my mind, "The
Last Wine is the Best Wine". After taking an affectionate leave
of friends, we set off for Perran to Geo. Fox's, & next morng
went to Truro, spent a little time pleasantly at Mr. Tweedy's
Liskard & then proceeded on to Liskard, dined at Austle, got to Jos.
Treffry's Fathers' to tea, & arrived rather late & weary. Here
I parted with my companion Sa. Rundell, & my former
companion N. Naftel I left at Marazion, so that I was now
once more alone. John Allen accompanied me from hence
I enjoyed our ride much, we went by way of Bakhampton &c.
My mind felt peaceful on leaving Cornwall notwithstanding
I had left my companions, got well to Exeter & was kindly rec^d

1814 by John & Alice Dymond & his sisters, his wife & daughters being
Exeter at the Sea side. On 1st day attended their morning Meeting;
also a public one in the evening, in both of which a renewed
extension of best help was witnessed. 2d Day went to Spice-
Spiceland. land, Thos. Sparkes accompanying me, we had a comfortable
meeting at this place with the few frds. belonging thereto.
Wellington We next went to Wellington to a meeting in the evening,
wch. I think was a good one, diners valuable frds. belonging to it.
I lodged at Ann James'. Early next morning went to Thos.
Fox's to Breakfast, after it we had a sweet opptY, they are
a nice family. Thomas kindly accompanied me in his
Milverton close carriage to Milverton & Taunton. The meeting at Mil-
verton was distressing. Thomas Young's Bank a week before
had stopd payment wch. had occasioned amongst the few frds.
there & neighbourhood, great uneasiness & distress, having had
to hear much reviling from the people in consequence of
Taunton losses wch. many had to sustain. At Taunton I was favoured
with a little strength to discharge apprehended Duty. Lodged
at Geo. Clark's, in the morning at Breakfast a person being
present for whom I had felt concerned in the meeting the pre-
vious evening, I took an opptY of further relieving my mind.
Bridgwater We next went to Bridgwater had a meeting with frds. wch. was
poor & trying to me. A meeting was held with the Inhabitants
in the evening, wch. I trust was a season of favour, the power of
Truth prevailed in good degree, but at first felt low & discouraged

1814 but at length I thot I felt the holy fire, & I became weary of
with-holding, whilst J. Clark was speaking, when he was done I was
glad of an opp^y to express what was before me, & was furnished
Bridgwater with ability, to relieve my mind, I hope with greater clearness
than at some other times, describing the excellency of the Prin-
ciple of Truth wo^d. wo^d preserve those who act according to its dictates.
Bristol West neat to Bristol to the house of John & Marg^t. Waring, at-
tended meeting, but in such fear that I scarcely had courage
to take a view of the great number of fr^ds. assembled, but as I
endeavoured to settle in resignation, considering from whom
all effectual help cometh, I became so strengthened, that the
fear of man all left me, & I think I never was able to get through
any service more to my full relief, after which Anne Frank
expressed more approbation than I desired, however it had
an encouraging effect, for I had felt myself very desolate
without a companion. I had courage however to request a
public meeting in the evening wo^d. was the largest public meet-
-ing I ever attended, I soon felt great exercise, & began to speak
with little before me, but one thing arose after another, on
different subjects, after I sat down Doctor Pole spoke, I
thot lively & the meeting was concluded by supplication, &
I hope solemnity was felt, the people appearing solid & tender.
It has been a close exercising Day, but I feel very thankful
for the favours dispensed. 2^d Day evening a meeting was ap-
-pointed for the seamen, perhaps abt. 300 mostly of that desrip

1814 description, my business seemed to be to direct them to the
Principle of Truth, endeavouring to shew what it would do for
them &c after which Doctor Pole spoke agreeably, then I was
engaged in supplication. Ann Fry said a little after by way
of testimony. Jn.o Waring remarked, the stillness in the meeting
Bristol appeared to him so remarkable, that he never recollected attending
a meeting either with friends or others that was equally so, ~~to~~
some of them evinced much tenderness. Next day attended
Mo: Meeting here, an exercising time. Jn.o Waring accompanied
Frenchay me next to Frenchay to a meeting at 6 in the evening, the
appearance of fr.ds very agreeable, but my feelings very trying.
however I ventured to express the belief w.ch I had, that there
was cause for deep mourning, I felt partly relieved when I sat
down, but begun to be afraid I was mistaken, however Ann Fry
spoke afterwards in such a way as satisfied me, her feelings being
similar, after offering in supplication I was comfortably clear.
I lodged at Philip Tucker's. — omitted in its place to notice,
Sidcot from Bridgwater Thos. Clark went with me to Sidcot, I lodged
at the School, the good order & management of the Institution
pleased me, Lydia Gregory ~~the~~ Governess is a very clever wo-
-man. attended their week-day meeting the following day, w.ch
Claverham proved somewhat trying, then went to Claverham to a
meeting in the evening, took Tea by the way at Jos. Naish's
at Congersbury, this proved a lively good meeting, several
nice fr.ds belonging to it, with whom I felt much sympathy I may

1874 with gratitude acknowledge that I am helped along beyond my expectation, & can say, I have no lack of that wch is needful.

On 7th day Edwd Gregory & Elizabeth went with me to Portis-
Portishead - head to a small meeting, in which I had a little to express, I
went with Jno & Ann Grace to Tea, after which J Grace accompanied
Bristol me to Bristol, where I had the meeting with the seamen as be-
fore related. From Frenchay, Eliz. Tucker & Ann Fry went
Olverstone, with me to Ovelstone a small meeting, then to Thornbury to
Thornbury held in the afternoon, then went to Sodbury, then to Calne
Sodbury where we sat a meeting, the two families of Gundry's are all
Calne belonging to it. 9 Mo. 2d Sixth Day, at Wm Powel's near Devizes,
Melksham attended meeting there, then went to Melksham, afterwards
Bath to Bath & had a public Meeting there, proceeded home-
Gloster. wards by way of Gloucester, Tewksbury, & Worcester,
Tewksbury also Birmingham & so onto Leeds & attended their
Worcester meetings on first Day, the following day got to
Birmingh Darlington & next day reached home & found all
Leeds well. —

1814 & 1815 E. R. had many public Meetings in different parts of the Counties of Durham & Northumberland, and amongst the Collieries, accompanied by Elizabeth Procter, Daniel Oliver & several other friends.

1815 E R paid a visit to friends of Yorkshire, &c. & had many public Meetings, accompanied by sister Margaret Robson.

We Left home 1st of 3d Mo. & felt a degree of cheerful resignation & calmness in thus parting from my beloved family, we went by Coach to Leeds, lodged at Jno. Broadhead's. Next

Leeds day attended the Mo: Meeting of Ministers & Elders wch. had been put off until that time, many instructive remarks were made by diners friends, but I felt myself a very poor creature, we went to Mr. Adam's to dine, who were desirous of having us for Lodgers to which we agreed, being near Relatives. We had Charles Parker's company, also Mordecai Cafson's & Jos. Birkbeck, wch. helped to chear us. In the evening attended the Qu: Meeting of M's & E's wch. was large & favoured. 4th day morning I went to the Qu: Meeting at large under much exercise, & when set, on looking over so large an Assembly, I was dismayed, but recollecting what it had cost me to come amongst them, I found it would not do

1815 to yield too much to discouraging feelings, & I was favoured to feel a willingness to do what appeared to be my part of the work, first in supplication & then in testimony. E Blud-wick spoke agreeably, also Ann Alexander, when the meeting

Leeds separated. Dined at Sus.a Jowitt's, afterwards went to the

2 Meetings adjourned Meeting, supped at Jos: Tatham's. Next morning felt much tried in the prospect of having to go into the men's meeting, after I named it in the women's meeting Ann Alex-ander offered to accompany me, sister Mary.t was urged to go also, & Grace West as an Elder, I went in great fear & under much exercise, but I was enabled to obtain comfortable relief: the women's closing sitting was a very comfortable one. The meeting in the evening

I now feel my mind much strength-ened by the attendance at this Qu: Meeting, & feel pretty much resigned as to our future prospects in this County. Sister Mary.t ret.d home from Leeds in order to obtain a Certificate to accompany me. On 7th Day ~~next to~~ 4th Mo. 1st went to Gilder-some, accompanied by J & A. Broadhead, Co. Sa: Pease & Co: Jn.o Thorp,

Gildersome the meeting was small but pretty comfortable, dined at Jervas Elam's, we also visited Jn.o Ellis's to satisfaction, then ret.d to

Leeds Leeds, & was at their meeting next day, in the evening a public meeting was held w.h prospect was really awful to me, but I felt a degree of confidence in Him, who is sufficient for his own work, the house was very full, & considerable solemnity prevailed, & I

1815 was favoured with ability to relieve my mind, & left the meeting comfortably. Next morning went to Brighouse, J Broadhead & Saml Grimshaw with us, the meeting small & exercising for a
Brighouse time, I apprehended it my place to press upon them the necessity of each being willing to labour for themselves, & to gather the manna day by day &c I got thro' to my own relief. 4th Day the 6th accompanied by Mary Cowper & four men frds. we went to Halifax, the meeting small, but pretty open. In the evening a
Halifax meeting was held with the Inhabitants wch. was large & I hope was satisfactory, several appeared very solid. We next went to Huddersfield, a few valuable frds. belong to it, but as in most places
Huddersfield there are divers of a different description, who seem to dwell too much at ease, we laboured with them according to ability, & experienced pretty full relief after much exercise, but this is not a time to eat much pleasant bread, but if we may be but favoured to have the pure life granted us for a prey, we shall I trust be content. 5th Day went to Wooldale & had a
Wooldale comfortable meeting, one of the best since leaving Leeds, they are a simple hearted people, we had to encourage them to a diligent attention to Him, who is the stay & staff of the righteous. In the evening had a public meeting for the inhabitants about, wch. was well attended & comfortably relieving to my mind. On 6th Day had a meeting with frds. of Highflatts, pretty large, some
Highflatts of them valuable, but others of a different description, we had a laborious time among them, but was favoured to leave the meeting

1815 satisfied, Jos: Wood dined with us at Elihu Dickenson's & whose company was agreeable to us. We went next to Woodhouse

Woodhouse the meeting not large, & tho' things were low amongst them, we endeavoured to relieve our minds & therein felt satisfied. On 1st day attended meeting at Sheffield, wch. proved very exercising. I felt much difficulty in getting clear, but was favoured to do it at last pretty fully, & requested a meeting with the Inhabitants in the evening, wch. was not so large as it might have

Sheffield been, but owing to some mistake there had been a defect in giving notice, wch. many frds. were sorry for, however it was towards the latter part an open favoured meeting. We next went to Monyash, the meeting small, we were helped to do what we believed

Monyash right, & on the whole I think was comfortable, Ebenezer Bowman & his wife are valuable frds., we went home with them & spent an agreeable evening together. After supper had a solid opptY.

Macclesfield On 3d Day went to Macclesfield to a meeting with frds. & others, & I think was a favoured one. The friends were requested to stop awhile at the close, & we had a short sweet opptY. On 4th

Morley Day went to Morley, the meeting was small, frds. were encouraged to look unto the same Power wch. has so eminently qualified Instruments for usefulness, that altho' they had experienced a season of stripping, yet if they were rightly engaged to seek for help they would find no lack. We were accomodated at the house of Thomas Cash's widow. Next went to Stockport, where we had a meeting with the people of the Town & it proved a

1815 a solemn time & it was well attended. We went to their week-
Stockport day Meeting wch was to me a season of refreshment, wherein
my dear husband & children were sweetly brot to my remem-
-brance, & I was enabled to breathe for their preservation with
my own, the current of Love wch flowed in my heart towards
them was beyond words to describe. I had a little to express
respecting the excellency of that Power wch alone can preserve
& the state of safety wch those experienced, who are brot rightly
under its discipline, inviting all to it. We next went to
Cheadle - Cheadle where a meeting was fixed for the ~~pl~~ people of that
place, held in a large room at the Inn. Amongst other things
I alluded to the impropriety & injurious effects of spending
so much precious time in attending places of amusement,
& the pains wch some take in procuring what they call pleasure
in this way, thinking they must have their past-times, or time
would hang heavy on their hands, but if they would ~~but~~ take
the same pains in endeavouring to pursue real happiness, how
much more enjoyment they would have &c. also alluded to the
impropriety of those termed Godfathers & Godmothers promising
such great things in the name of the child &c. Geo. Jones said
there was a priest at the meeting, who was very intemperate &
greatly ~~bigoted~~ biggotted to their ceremonies, also many who
attended Plays & other places of amusement. Went from
hence to Barnsley & were heartily rec^d ~~at~~ by Thos Shillito's, but
as Yet Day was Market day, it did not appear likely to have

1815 a meeting then, so proceeded on to Ackworth, next being 1st
Day we attended their meetings, in the morning was not a-
-ble to obtain much relief, but in the afternoon was more
Ackworth opened in the line of ministry, but in the evening at reading,
got pretty fully relieved, being drawn forth in an encouraging
strain towards the dear children, as well as to all classes
present to come up in faithfulness to the manifestation of
that inward Principle wch would regulate the wills & affections,
both of children & those more advanced, it was a favoured sea-
-son. Isabella Harris said "If the Trumpet give an uncertain
sound, who shall prepare himself for the Battle," but the
Trumpet had given a certain sound, & desired they might
attend thereto, with more to this effect. I was then drawn
forth in supplication on behalf of the different classes a-
-mong them. My dr Sister joined me here to my great com-
-fort, she had acceptable service in one of the preceding
Barnsley meetings. On 2d Day morning we rete to Barnsley to their
Mo. Meeting, we found several solid friends among the men
more especially, in the evening we wished to see the frds
of Barnsley distinct, wch was I think a lively refreshing
Wakefield season. On 3d Day went to a meeting with frds at Wakefield
wch was an open time. Next went to Pontefract, here Isabella
Harris met us again, attended their meeting, but things appeared
low among them, we had to encourage the right minded, & to deal
rather closely with a worldly spirit. 4th Day morning went

1815 to Doncaster, Jas. Wigham Guide, attended meeting with friends
pretty comfortable. In the evening had one with the neighbours
wch. afforded me relief after some deep exercise, many of the
Doncaster higher classes present, wch. were those I principally wanted to
see, I had to caution against mispending time, they were
still very solid, dined at Wm. Smith's, had an agreeable op-
portunity with Martha, who appeared in a sweet frame of
mind, & better able to bear company than we expected, we hope
she may yet be restored to her family & friends. We next went
Thorne to Thorne fr.ds. here are few, we had to labour unitedly for
the encouragement of some, & awakening of others, my sister
Selby is a great comfort to me. We went from hence to Selby, the
meeting at this place is small, & things appeared low, yet
there are a few who appear lively in spirit, after a time of
patient waiting, we endeavored to impart without diminution
or addition what arose, which they seemed to receive well, being
Cawe close. Thomas Procter came with us to Cawe, he is a kind friend-
ly Man, he offered to join us again if we wanted his help, we
are indeed kindly cared for by our frs., & may thankfully ac-
knowledge this is the case in every respect, & helped I humbly
trust to discharge ourselves pretty fully as we go along, of that
burden wch. is sometimes felt to be great. The little meeting at
Cawe was held to satisfaction, at the close my mind was filled
with heavenly consolation to my humbling admiration, when
I was enabled to pour out my secret supplications for my own &

1815 dear sister's preservation in the line of present duty, also for
my dear husband & children. 4 Mo. 24th. Set off for Hull &
Hull had a very wet ride, attended their meeting on 1st Day morning, &
in the evening one was held principally intended for the Sea-
-men, the house very full, I had all the service of this Meeting,
tho' a poor feeble Instrument, I am sometimes permitted to
feel the sweet enriching reward of Peace for the dedication of
my will, but I wish I was able to do the work better. In the
evening, in the company of many Frds. had a sweet opp.y together.
Welwick We went next to Welwick, the neighbours came to the meeting
& almost filled the house, at first I felt disappointed & troubled,
but soon I felt very different, a flow of Love extended towards
the people wch. gladdened my heart, a good meeting it proved,
for which favour gratitude was felt. From hence we went
Owstwick to Owstwick, the meeting generally attended by the members and
larger than I looked for, it proved an arousing time, it seemed
to be our place to address them in a close searching manner,
wch. being much in the cross, & under the influence of true Love,
I hope, would offend none, several appeared affected & shewed
us great kindness afterwards, I think I never experienced more strength &
clearness to relieve my mind, or felt more satisfaction after.
Many Frds. of this meeting are my relations. Went to Mr. Stickney's
to dine, he was kind, but had to lament, in seeing the children
so different in appearance & behaviour, to what their worthy mo-
-ther would have wished. We went from hence to Hull, called by the

1815 called by the way at Henry Calson's & Thomas Priestman's
Hull had a sweet opp.y at the former place, then rode to Hull.
Here I recd intelligence of the death of my cousin David
Hopkins of Gainsbro', & inclining to attend his funeral,
but having two meetings appointed me first attended them,
Beverley viz Beverley wch. began at 10 & at Shipton at 4, both small,
Shipton after which we proceeded to Gainsbro' rode abt. 50 Miles
that Day, pretty many frds. had come to the interment, the
meeting was crowded, but the people behaved well, we had many
offerings in the line of ministry, I hope satisfactory. We
Gainsbro' staid with our cousins at Gainsbro' over 1st Day, attended
their meeting in the morning of that Day, & had a crowded pub-
-lic one in the Evening. & I think was an open good Meeting,
sister Marg.t took a agreeable share therein. We went by
Cottingworth way of Thorne, Selby &c on to Cottingworth to the house of John
Webster, next day attended their meeting, the families of the
name of Webster nearly compose the whole. Simeon Webster
York accompanied us to York. The meeting at York began at 5 o'clo:
I felt a little at going among so many great folks, & to sit be-
-side Wm. Tuke, but as I endeavoured to have my mind stayed
upon Him, who can strengthen the weak, these fears gradually
subsided, & I felt willing to do, or to suffer, to be as a fool, &c
but pretty soon a concern arose to speak, to which I yielded, &
I was strengthened to look singly unto Him who is near to help
his dependant children, sister Marg.t also spoke agreeably.

1875 We next went to Thornton a small meeting, but amongst them we found
Thornton some whom we were led to encourage, an aged woman of the
name of Pilmer, evinced much greenness to our comfort, others
we tho^t were in a dry poor state. From this place we went to
Natton to the house of Jos. Priestman, the neighbours as well
as friends came to the meeting, I felt much stripped & discouraged
Natton for a while, but as I was helped to get to a settlement, a little
light arose & the way opened to address the people bit proved a
good meeting. I desired David Priestman to detain friends
awhile, bu^t both had something to express, & tho^t a solemn
feeling attended. Went in the morning to breakfast with Da-
-vid Priestman's, poor man he is much to be felt for, his wife
looks like what she is, a Tipler, she, & his youngest son Isaac
are both disunited from friends. We had an opp^y after break-
-fast, in w^h the son, Isaac, was addressed. D. P. & his daughters
Knapton went with us to Knapton, attended their meeting, but things
felt low among them. — Isabella Tindall lives near in a
spacious mansion, she is a member of our society & some of her
children, others of them not; one of the sons inclines to the Me-
-thodists. This family built a house for friends to meet in, &
another for the Methodists, joined together, & divided by shutters, so
that when either society wants the whole, each can be accomo-
-dated. There is also a steeple-house on their premises, near
the other two places of Worship. We were treated very kindly
by Is. Tindall & friends. After dinner set off for Burlington,
~~[illegible]~~.

1875 accompanied by Da. Priestman & went to the house of Geo:
Nenell, I felt a good deal at once more going to my native
place, only 2 frs. left of my former acquaintance. The place
Burlington is much improved & enlarged since I lived there. We at-
tended the meeting wh. is small, but I hope there is some
life amongst them. In the evening we had a meeting with
the inhabitants perhaps abt. 400 present, doctrine flowed
freely & I trust it was a good meeting, sister Mary spoke
very agreeably. After a contrite opp'y with the family
where we were, we ~~left for~~ went to Scarbro' D.P. still going with us.
Scarbro' we took up our quarters at Jno Rostree's. 1st Day, the meetg
with frs. was to me exercising, but best help was graciously
near, it seemed to be my place to encourage some drooping
minds, & to speak in an arousing way to some others, & I was
favoured to get comfortably through, & I felt a sweet acquittal.
In the evening we had a large public meeting, house crowd-
Whitby -ed, I trust it ended well. We next went to Whitby D.P.
still with us, he is very fatherly & kind, & we consider it a pri-
-viledge having his company, the meeting was rather large,
many not frs. present, I sat down in it poor & destitute, and
expected I shd have nothing to do, but I soon found I was mis-
-taken, I was introduced into an exercise, on acct. of some, whom
I feared were professing one thing & practising another, and
one thing after another opened to my own admiration, I
was led in a very close way to some, & had encouragement to have

1815 to others, sister Marg^t. silent, before the meeting closed, I was
engaged in vocal supplication for the different classes among
Whitby them. We had a sitting in Jona. Sander's family, wherein
both Parents & Children were addressed, & tenderness was felt.
We meat meet to Guisbro' where we were met by Bro: Isaac
& sister Hannah, Bro. Saml. & his Wife, Hen. Richardson & fd
from Castleton, & also several Whitby friends followed us, so
that the addition of fr^ds. were more than belonged to the meeting,
wch. made it not so easy to speak to their own members, how-
Guisbro' -ever by patiently waiting, I hope we were enabled to admini-
-ster counsel & encouragement to them. I felt my mind much
arrested on poor Gideon Smale's acct. and what was intended
for him, I hope might not be cast away. We spent an
agreeable evening together, & had an opply in Mr. Coning's parlour.
Ayton From hence we went to Ayton where at their meeting, w^ch.
was I think a season of favour, altho' much deep exercise
was felt on acct. of those who had gone astray, & who were
very closely laboured with, & a renewed call appeared to be
extended unto them, much solemnity covered the Meeting,
dined at Henry Richardson's. In the afternoon went to
Bilsdale, attended meeting next day, was small, & we
Bilsdale thot there was a great want of life amongst them, but believed
there were a few who were engaged to seek access to the
pure spring of Life, but we see no situation exempt from the
snare of indifference & lukewarmness, wch. much prevails,

1815 amongst all classes in our society at this day, to the grief &
Bilsdale sorrow of the upright hearted. We had an opp^y with the widow
Coming & her children before we left, we both had a little to ex-
-press, but tho^t it had not much entrance. We then went to
Helmsley to the house of Simon Hutchinson, attended their
Helmsley meeting, but oh! what harm the love of the world does in
many places, I had to revive the passage respecting the buyers
& sellers being drove out of the temple, & to warn against the
danger of a worldly spirit. My sister also laboured amongst
them acceptably. Caleb Fletcher met us here, & conducted us
Kirby-moor- to his house at Kirby-moor-side, & next day attended meeting
-side. there, wch proved better than some of the small meetings we
had been at, yet we had some close labour among them,
fr^ds of Sutton in the Hole met us here, thus we took two
meetings at once, wch I hope answered the end pretty well,
we had a comfortable opp^y in C. F's family, their son and
daughter Sarah being present to whom I felt my mind attracted,
Pickering & much interested for. We next went to Pickering, C F & his
Wife accompanying us. Some valuable fr^ds belong to the
meeting here, & the meeting was comfortable. Our kind fr^d
D Priestman left us here. After meeting we went home with
Mr & Rachel Routree & spent the evening pleasantly in their
society, next morning before leaving we had a sweet opp^y
& truly refreshing, such an one as we shall not, I believe, soon
forget, more we see of Rachel Routree, the more we love her.

1815 Jos. Priestman of Thornton, came to go guide with us to York,
York where we arrived in the Evening. We commenced a family visit to Frds. of this City w.ch we had long looked to, & fixed with Ann Alexander to unite with us in, when we shd ~~get here~~ arrive. We have now been some time prosecuting the arduous employ, & are favoured to unite in feeling, but this is a service I dread, least I shd miss my way. 4th Day, yesterday we had 6 sittings, some of them contriting seasons, A. A is an agreeable companion. Having felt my mind attracted to a small place 6 miles distant from York, called
Gate-Helmsley Gate-Helmsley, & way being made, a meeting was held there this Evening in a methodist M. H. quite crowded, I felt much openness for communication, & the people appeared attentive, but I had all the service to myself. After meeting went into the house of a serious person, where we droped into silence, Wm. Alexander first addressed the mistress of the family, & then sister spoke, & afterwards I had a little to say & it proved a comfortable time, they expressed their gratitude for it, & also for the meeting. We pursued our
York engagement at York. Wm. Tuke was abt. setting off for the Y. Meeting, I sat by the venerable old friend at Meeting, & at the close told him, that I had been animated in observing him continue strong for War, until such an advanced age, & that inasmuch as he had devoted much of his time in serving the society, I trusted the end would be great Peace, he replied, it was little he could do, & parted kindly. A. Alexander feels to us like a sister, she frequently expresses how well she is satisfied in

1815 in having our company, so that I hope we feel that which
York mutually unites our spirits together in a degree of true
fellowship. Feeling a concern to hold a meeting with
Fulford the people of Fulford a village abt. 2 Miles from York, &
way being made for it, Wm. Alexander & several others accompanied us
well attended & much openness felt among them. We
proceeded on in our family visit. On 1st day morning Meetg
York was very exercising, I had pretty much to say, sister Margt.
also spoke suitably, & then Wm. Alexander in supplication.
In the Evening a public meeting was held at my request,
but Frds were afraid of giving general notice, least the
house shd not contain all who might come, however this
did not answer, the body of the house was pretty well
filled, but not the galleries, there were many solid people
present, & the meeting was in part relieving, but not wholly
so, I cd not sleep in the night, & believed that if I obtained
Peace on leaving York, I must have another on 3d Day Eveng,
& on naming it to Frds they united in it cordially. In the
morng of 3d Day we went to a meeting with Frds at Auby, it
Auby was larger than we expected, but it proved a poor low time,
altho' a plain set of friends, but this amounts to little, if
there is not a dwelling near to that wch enlivens. We had
an opty in Jno. Johnson's family where we dined, several
others being present. We retd to York & had a sitting with
Mr & Ann Alexander, their son & maid, we had thot there was

1815 no occasion to have an opp.y there, but Him seemed determined
that they would not be missed, I felt exceedingly poor when
we first sat down, but presently was permitted to partake
York of that wch raises the mind above discouragement, & was dipped
into feeling with them, wch we did not with-hold the ex-
-pression of, sister Margt. addressed them all very suitably,
& Him had something for us in the line of sympathy and
encouragement. We then went to the public Meeting, wch
was pretty large, but I felt much exercise under an humb-
-ling sense of my own weakness, but I trusted in Him who
I believe had raised the Concern, many things presented to
my mind, but I felt the necessity of waiting, until I could
see at what end to begin, & I was instructed in considering,
that in winding, it was necessary to get hold of the right
end at first, & to keep hold of it, least there shd be a ravel
wch might occasion much difficulty, thus by attending to
this hint, things opened one after another, wch before was
in my mind, & had disappeared, so that with hard Labour
I was favoured to get comfortably relieved, I think never
more so. Sister Margt. also exercised her Gift very agreeably
before I spoke. The meeting closed, I trust in solemn sup-
-plication, I left the meeting with an unusual degree of peace.
Next day was the week-day meeting, A.A. spoke in a lively
testimony, then sister Margt. & I expressed what was before
me, then the meeting closed with Prayer. We then took an

1815 affectionate leave of our York friends, & proceeded to Ackworth
& our dear John soon came to us, his little heart filled when
he first saw me, but endeavoured to suppress it, I was glad to
see him look so well, he liked the school very well & would not
Ackworth like to go home again yet. Attended meeting here, where I had
something to express, sister silent. In the afternoon went
to Dewsbury, friends are few, not more than 9 or 10 members
Dewsbury but the neighbours coming in, the room was ~~filled~~ nearly filled,
& we were favoured with a good Meeting, & my mind felt fully
relieved. On 6th Day morning went to Bradford, & were kindly
Bradford recd by Wm. Maud, the meeting proved an agreeable one & was
pretty well attended. Barbara Foyland & her son accompanied
us to Rawden to a meeting at 6 o'clo: It was large, abt 40 families
Rawden belonging thereto & some of them numerous, & their appearance
very agreeable, & the feelings attendant were comfortable, we
tho't it one of the best meetings we had been at for some time.
We lodged at Benj. Hustler's who abounded in kindness. We
next went to Addingham, the meeting small & ~~but Lowlying~~
Addingham were low amongst them, we went to Jos: Smith's to dine. We
next went to a public Meeting at Skipton held in a methodist M. House on 1st Day morng
Skipton being large & it was well filled, the people were very still, & I think
it was a favoured Meeting, I was much tried before hand, but was
pretty soon furnished with ability to speak & enabled to get thro'
to my relief. The frds & usual attenders of meetings were request-
ed to stop, they amounted to a considerable number, many frds

1815 both from Addingham & Lothersdale being present, we had a short
sitting with them wch proved comfortable to me, but not so to poor
sister, for want I suppose of sufficient willingness, she was tried
Skipton about it after, & I hope she will in time learn obedience by the
things which she suffers. From hence we went to Lothersdale,
to a meeting in the evening, it was large being also attended by
their neighbours without invitation, I think I had rather had
Lothersdale friends by themselves, however it answered pretty well. My
sister became willing to speak here, & I tho't much favoured,
I was engaged to supplicate, & I think the meeting broke up
under a solemn covering. John King of Brighouse became
here, to join us in rendering us what service lay in his
power wch was very grateful to us. Next morning we left
Rochdale for Rochdale, at which place a meeting was fixed for the Even-
ing, we went by way of Colne, Todmorden &c we arrived in
time for meeting, I went under great exercise of mind, & did
not very soon find any thing to say, but waiting quietly awhile
something arose, & I begun with it, but felt weak both in body
& mind, & not myself by no means equal to such a large
Meeting, but I soon forgot these feelings, & stood a pretty long
while, one thing opened after another to my own admiration,
& I got thro' very comfortably to myself, the meeting was quiet,
my sister was silent. Next morning we had a meeting with
friends, wch for a time was hard work to come at any thing re-
-viving, but at length, I trust it was got to, & something expressed

1815 by each of us, & I think it proved a good meeting. Our next
Marsden meeting was at Marsden wch was very small indeed, much
less than I expected, but pretty comfortable, some agreeable
frds belong to it, but it was not so relieving to me as some
others have been, this sometimes is the case, & the cause
hid from us, however in doing our best, & honestly labour-
-ing according to ability, their is Peace. We went next towards
Newton, but by the way, feeling a desire to have a meeting
at Gisborne & stopped at a frds house of the name of Robt.
Gisborne Parkinson; the neighbours were soon invited, the people
came out freely, it appeared there had not been a meeting
of this description held there before, a great man living
near, being both Priest & Magistrate had once or more pre-
-vented it, I suppose he might not be now at home. It
was rather a particular season of favour, wherein not
only a door of utterance was opened, but also a door of
entrance. The qualifications for gospel ministry open-
-ing with clearness, I expressed what was before me on that
subject, I found afterwards the Curate was at the Meeting,
& I think the Doctor, & almost all the Inhabitants, we went
away with thankful hearts. We next had a meeting
Newton with a small company of frds at Newton, ~~but~~ it proved a
baptizing season, we left them with feelings of sympa-
-thy. — We then went to our Relation's Edwd Dixon, abt.
2 Miles from Settle, we were rec^d with hearty kindness.

1815 Next day went to a small meeting at Ariton, on our way
we called on Mary Birkbeck at Settle, who at once conclude
Ariton to accompany us, bordered a chaise, we left our own conveyance there till we retd., the meeting small but several neighbours came in, b it proved pretty lively. A public meeting being appointed at Giggleswick for the evening, we went
Giggleswick to it, but the house proved too small, the people seemed remarkably attentive, b much solemnity prevailed, several after meeting expressed their approbation in warm terms, one woman of quality urged us to go to her house to take some refreshment, Ma. Birkbeck with us, b had Cake & Wine handed us, we were informed this person was the daughter of the late Doctor Paley. I suppose this was the first frd. meeting remembered to have been held there. On 7th Day Ma: Birkbeck again kindly went with us in a chaise
Bentham to Bentham, wch. meeting is much reduced, many frds. besides Charles Parker having left it. It was a season of exercise b for a time flat b dull, but towards the close, I hope the Truth arose into a good degree of dominion. On our return we called to see an afflicted frd. at Giggleswick, b had a short refreshing opply with her, when we parted, she said, the visit had done her more good, than both meat b drink.
Settle 1st Day Morng. The meeting was an open time, altho' some close things were delivered, others were encouraged, b it was I think a time of favour, M.B. appeared in supplication.

1815 A meeting was held in the evening for the neighbours as well as friends, it was crowded but very quiet, sister Marg.

Settle was acceptably engaged both morning & evening. After supper we had an agreeable opp.y with those present chiefly Mr. Birkbeck's family. Next morning we parted affec-tionately with our Settle friends, & went to a meeting at

Hawes with fr.ds & others, it proved a trying one, but an Alarm was sounded in the ears of the careless, believing there were many lukewarm professors among them, I felt a degree of Peace in having endeavoured not to do mine own will, & I trust some of them were refreshed. We lodged at Wm. Fothergill's, neither he, nor his wife were able to get to meeting, we had a comfortable opp.y with them before we left. Being desirous of seeing Wm. Fothergill's two sons & their Wives lately married, way was made for it, & it proved a favoured opp.y, my mind was filled with affectionate desires for their preservation, & I was enabled comfortably

Aysgarth to relieve my mind. We went next to Aysgarth, this was rather a trying meeting, but we were favoured to ob-

Reeth -tain relief. From hence we went to Reeth, the meeting was comfortable, George Raw not able to get out, but we had a satisfactory opp.y in his room. Next we went to

Laburn Laburn, & had a poor distressing meeting, a feeling of sadness attended us. Then went to Masham to the house of John Raw, & had a refreshing season with him

1815 & his servant, his wife was from home. We then took the meetings of Netherdale, Thirsk, Borrowby & Stockton, after which returned home, a feeling of gratitude flows in my heart at this time unto Him who has been, Mouth & Wisdom, Tongue & Utterance, & unto Him be the praise ascribed.

1816 E R visited & some parts of the Continent of Europe in company with Elizabeth Fry, Wm & Charlotte Allen, & Cornelius Hanbury, & on her return (before going home) visited the Counties of Sussex & Surrey, being accompanied by E Fry, also visited the families belonging (Devonshire House Meetg.) After attending the Yr Meeting, she visited the County of Kent, previous to embarking for the Continent, in 1816.

5 Mo I left home for the Yr Meeting in company with several of my Relations, but a long time previous to this, I had been under a Concern to visit the few frds. at Pyrmont & Minden &c in Germany, also those professing with friends in the South of France, & this Concern I had spread before my frds. at home in a Monthly & Qu. Meetg capacity & obtained their Unity & sympathy, as expressed in the following Certificates. "To friends of the Qu. Meeting of London & Middlesex, of the Counties of Kent, Surrey & Sussex

E R's Certificate to visit the Continent in 1816

1816 in Great Britain, at Nismes & its Vicinity in the South of France, & Pyrmont with parts adjacent in Germany.

Dear Friends / Our valued friend Elizabeth Robson, having laid before us a Concern wch. attends her mind to pay you a religious visit, desiring our unity & concurrence therewith, this meeting hath felt deeply exercised, & under an awful sense of the extent & importance of the engagement, the feeling of tender sympathy & unity being expressed, this meeting resigns her to pursue her prospect, as Truth may open the way; she being a minister with whom we have good unity, & whose life & conversation are exemplary. With desires that she may be preserved in a reverent attention to the divine Leader, & through His holy help, be enabled to perform her duty, to the edification of those among whom her lot may be cast; & when the arduous engagement is accomplished, that she may be favoured to return to her family & friends with the reward of peace. We are with the salutation of Love your friends. Signed in & on behalf of Newcastle Mo: Meeting, held at Newcastle upon Tyne, the 13th of 3d Mo: 1816. by 55 friends . . . . . .

Durham Qu: Meeting of the religious Society of Friends held at Sunderland the 2d of 4th Mo: 1816. — Our dear frd. Elizabeth Robson having laid before this Meeting the Concern wch. hath rested upon her mind to visit those in profession with us at Nismes & its Vicinity in the South

1816 of France, & the members of our religious society at Pyr-
-mont & parts adjacent in Germany, as set forth in the
annexed Certificate. This Meeting having solidly de-
-liberated thereon, & feeling Unity & Concurrence with our dear
friend in her proposed arduous engagement, leaves her at
liberty to proceed therein as Truth may open the way, de-
-siring her gospel labours may tend to promote the cause
of Truth & Righteousness in the Earth. Signed in & on
behalf of the aforesaid Qu: Meeting — Robt. Spence, Clerk
Signed in & on behalf of the women's Qu: Meeting, Eliz. Pease, Clk.

To friends of Pyrmont, Minden & parts adjacent
in Germany, & to those in profession with us at Congenies,
Giles & places adjacent in the South of France.

Dear Friends / Our beloved Fd. Eliz. Robson, wife of
Thomas Robson of B'p Wearmouth in the County of Durham,
has spread before this meeting her concern to pay you a
religious visit, & produced certificates of Unity & Concur-
-rence from the Mo: Meeting of Newcastle, & Qu: Meeting
of Durham. After solidly considering the subject, we
feel engaged to resign her to the work, whereunto we be-
-lieve she is called, & hereby liberate her to perform the
same as Truth may open the way. In the course of the
deliberation our minds have been introduced into a feeling
of near sympathy with her in the prospect of leaving her
family & near connections, & entering on so arduous a work

1816 and we commend her to the care & guidance of Israel's Shep-
-herd & to your friendly regard, with desires, that by a care-
-ful attention to holy direction in all things, she may be
enabled to discharge every required Duty, & be favoured
with the reward of Peace. Signed in behalf of our
Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London by
adjournments from the 20 of 5 mo. to 1st of 6th Mo: 1816

By Dykes Alexander, Clerk.

We proceeded to London by way of Ackworth, lodged
at the Inn, next morn^g breakfasted with Robt. Whitaker's
& after it dropped into stillness, when the language of en-
Ackworth courragement towards Robt. & his Wife unexpectedly arose
wch I communicated. We then went into the Boys dining
Room, they were just coming to Breakfast, I felt I must
address them before eating, & when they were settled I spoke
in that ability which was given. We then went among
the girls (our dr. Marg^t. & Thomas being with us) one of the
Teachers was reading to them, when she was done, feeling
a sulutation ~~xxxxx~~ of love in my heart to flow towards
them, I expressed what was on my mind, after which
sister Marg^t. handed them some suitable counsel, & I trust
a solemnity attended all those opportunities, & I felt peace
in thus endeavoring to be instant in season, after this
I parted with my dear children in much tenderness. We
then went forward & got to Aitchin on 7th Day afternoon,

1816 & we all were kindly accomodated at Jno Ransom's. At-
tended their 1st Day morng meeting wch was comfortable
Fitchin & relieving to me, I was engaged both in testimony & sup-
plication. 5 Mo: 19th went to the Ym. of Ministers & Elders,
London many remarks were made on the answers to the Queries,
Ym. of Mo & E. amongst the rest I ventured to make on a marked deficiency,
respecting the training up children, & had peace therein.
The answers from Cumberland manifested much deficiency,
wch introduced the meeting into great concern. On this occa-
sion, Robt. Fowler revived the passage in Solomon's Song,
"We have a little sister" & he thot that Ym. might be com-
pared to one, & as many went in out thereat, he thot
it might be called "A Door," and frds taking them under
their care & visiting them in a yearly meeting capa-
city might bear the further comparison, of inclosing
them with "Boards of Cedar". Some of the answers expressed
a good degree of unity, one frd remarked on this, that some
amongst us were too high, & had need to come down a step, &
that would be a means of advancing others who were
too low, thus they wd meet together, & more of the true unity
would be experienced. 3d Day Morng, third sitting of Mo & E's
after the business of the meeting was opened, the clerk
said this was now a proper time for me to spread my
concern before them, wch I did pretty nearly in those words,
"That I trusted it was under an awful & humbling sense

1814 of the importance of a concern, wch had for a long time rested
weightily on my mind, that I ventured to spread it before
that meeting, which was, to pay a religious visit to the
members of our society in Germany, to those who profess
with us in the south of France, & that if I was liberated
to go, a way should open for it, amongst other societies also.
I felt myself a poor creature, & unfit for so important an
errand, I had no knowledge of the language of these Countries,
London nor did I know of any companion, that many discourage-
Yearly Meetg ments had attended my mind, yet having put all these things
into the scale against it, I still believed it required of me,
thus far to make the sacrifice, that it appeared like an
act of faith, when I laid it before my own Mo: Meeting, it
also appeared so, when I spread it before the Qu: Meeting,
& it appeared still more so in bringing it forward to that
Meeting, & I was willing to leave it with them". The meetg
seemed much tendered, & after a time several spoke encou-
ragingly, Mary Allen enlarged beautifully on the subject
of faith, & the desireableness of frds being as empty vessels,
that they might be filled with the holy Oil, not having any
ability of their own. Ma. Proud, Ma: Naftel, Anna Price,
& several men frds as well as other women frds expressed not
only sympathy, but full unity with the concern, but at
length some queried whether it was the right time to proceed,
one frd proposed its being put off till another year when

1814 some companion might turn up, but this several objected to, saying, that times & seasons were not at our command. At length a minute was made, referring the consideration to a future sitting. 4th Day morng our Y M at large opened, Reb. Byrd sweetly supplicated, that the precious covering of divine Goodness might attend our sittings, also that those who had shewn themselves dedicated to the service of Truth, might be supported under the trials wch they had to meet with, this helped to
London chear my poor mind, wch before was drooping. In the afternoon
Y Meting on taking my seat, this passage of scripture sweetly impressed & consoled my mind, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want, He ~~feed~~ feedeth me beside the, Still Waters. Thus I was renewedly taught the necessity of endeavoring to keep in the quiet habitation, & I think I have been favoured with very little intermission to feel a sweet calm till now, & with respect to my prospect I feel resigned to whatever way it may be disposed of, but the Concern remains livingly with me & I dare not of myself give it up. — This morning attended Gra-ch-street Meeting, soon after I sat down, my mind was dipped into inexpressible exercise, not only on acct. of our own society, but I was awfully engaged to supplicate, that an high way might be opened more fully thro' nations & kingdoms, for the reception of the truths of the Gospel in its ancient purity, unincumbered with forms & ceremonies of religion, that things might be brot. to its glory, & prove to the brightness of its arising, that those who were unacquainted

1816 with the inward manifestation of the spirit, may not depend on the teachings of men. Also that those who were afar off amongst us, might be brot. near, that we might as a people be enabled more fully to shake ourselves from the dust of the earth, & put on the beautiful Garments, that thus we might more fully resemble what we were designed to be "A City set upon an hill" that we might hereby be enabled more & more to promote the glorious cause of Truth & Righteousness in the Earth & I think we were favoured with a precious feeling of divine regard. — In selecting a Committee on the Epistle to the counties, it seemed to be my business to remind friends

London & Meetg that it was the good & faithful servant who was accepted, & to express the desire I felt, that each might be endeavouring faithfully to occupy with the Talent or Talents committed to our trust, that much depended upon each being willing to do their part of their work in the business going comfortably forward, that we ought not to look at what others might think of us, but consider that it was to our own Master we had to be accountable & several other frds. followed on in the same subject & I think it had a good effect on the meeting, many submitted very quietly to the nomination.

After the committee broke up Mary. Allen desired some of my company, wch. was to express her sympathy with me, she said, she ~~said~~ was a stranger to me, yet when I spread my concern before the meeting, she felt that love ~~flowed~~...

1817 and sympathy with me, as she had scarcely ever done before & she wanted to tell me, not to be discouraged, that she believed my concern was right, advising me to keep firm, & she believed way would be made, where I could see no way, that darkness would be made light before me. She had remembered what the great Master said to his followers, that if they had faith as a grain of mustard seed, that would remove mountains, & if I kept to this faith, this mountain would be removed, & that one of her sons had said, the same passage had occurred to him when thinking abt. me. 5 Mo. 31st. I have had for a few days past a prospect of going into the men's meeting, bt grew upon me in such a way that

London I could not put it by, it was indeed a sore exercise & trial to me,

& Meet. I named it early in the morning sitting, much sympathy was expressed, & no objection made, sister Marg.t was asked, if she felt any thing towards it, she acknowledged, that she felt nothing on her own acct, but much unity & sympathy with me, if that was deemed sufficient, she was told it was, & Ma. Fairbank offered to accompany us w.ch was very acceptable. It looked very fearful to me to enter the men's meeting, but I was enabled pretty much to relieve my mind, yet from a fear of occupying too much of the men's time, I did not obtain that full relief, as I believe I shd otherwise have done, yet I was favoured to enjoy a sweet reward of Peace after. Thus that which appeared almost insurmountable got over better, than I cd have expected. I dined at Plough Court that day, & after Dinner Mr. Allen called me into

1846 another room, & said, he had from the first of his hearing of my prospect of going on to the Continent felt much for me & wish me, & kindly offered to take me under their care, as it is likely he wd be appointed to go into Germany, & having an intention of going into France on his own acct. (his wife going with him) that if I was liberated by the meeting, they were willing to assist me, this was very relieving, & seemed to open the way, at least for companions & a conveyance. The women's meeting closed on 5th Day, the men's not till 6th. The prospect of my Concern being again to be ~~revived~~ revived at the approaching

London Yearly Meeting

meeting of M's & E's felt almost insupportable, I thot I coud scarcely live thro' it, but in time, a hope sweetly occurred, that it would be got comfortably through, & I was favoured to settle in a little quiet. I met with many kind Frds. who encouraged me much & I knew that I had the sympathy of a great many, yet I felt that I had none to look to but ONE for effectual help, & after a conflicting time I was favoured to feel sweetly supported. In the meeting I sat between Ma: Fairbank & Martha Brewster two Frds. whom I much loved. The clerk enquired, if that was not a proper time to resume the consideration of my Concern, before the minute was read, Reb. Byrd expressed her desire, that Frds. might be willing to enter deeply into feeling on the subject, wch. she considered an awful prospect, but she also considered, that times & seasons were not at our command, & I think desired that Frds. might not look at outward discou-

1816 -ragements, & enter into reasoning too much, but feel after the right evidence, this appeared to produce an agreeable effect, after the minute was read, I expressed, I thot I shd be best satisfied to say, that it had felt trying to my mind, that it shd have fallen to my lot to bring forward to that meeting a concern wch. I appre-
-hended had introduced it into some difficulty, & that believing it would be a relief to my friends as well as to myself, if I could have given it up before that sitting, I had looked at it in that way, over & over again, yet notwithstanding the discouragements wch. remained in an outward point of view, I continued to feel
London the concern as lively as ever, & that frequently during the sittings
Y Meet of the Y Meeting, my mind had been introduced into such near sympathy with the few frds. in France & Germany, who appeared comparatively to be but as an handful, surrounded with temp
-tations & difficulties, that I had thot I could be willing to endure many hardships in endeavoring to discharge what appeared to be a debt due from me to them, altho' I was sensible I was a very poor creature, & that it was very little that I could do in promoting the precious cause of Truth, yet I could acknowledge, that I had but one thing in view, in offering to make this very trying sacrifice, a desire to be found in the way of apprehended duty. May just add, that after I was liberated by my own Qu: Meeting, I considered it a priviledge in having to spread my con-
-cern before that Meeting, & had no desire to act contrary to its Judgment. A solemn covering I believe was over the Meeting

1816 & frds. generally expressed their near unity & sympathy with me,
also a belief that the concern was a right one. The case of Moses
was mentioned, that when he hesitated, about being sent to deliver
Israel, he was told, that Aaron his Brother was coming to meet
London him, believing that a companion would be provided who would
Yearly Meet be a comfort & help. The subject was got comfortably through
of & several frs. were appointed to prepare a certificate. I never
Mis & E's expected to have met with so much kindness from my friends,
but consider it as an unmerited favour from the Father of mer-
cies in his abundant condescension to me who am unworthy.

I went down to Plaistow, attended their meeting, it seemed to be
my business to encourage to a patient waiting for that which
alone can preserve in a lively exercise. — Having a little of
dear Anna Price's company, she told me, that when she joined
the rest of the frds. under appointmt to prepare my Certificate,
some of the men mentioned the difficulties wch. they apprehended
there wd be in travelling in the south of France on acct. of some
disturbances, she said, that passage of scripture, where the
Apostle Paul speaking on the efficacy of true faith, mentions,
its stopping the mouths of Lions, escaping the edge of the sword,
out of weakness being made strong &c and that a belief was
then raised in her mind, that this wd also preserve from hunger
& weariness, wch. so affected her, that tears ran from her eyes, &
I think she expressed this among them. This she told me for
my encouragement, believing that I shd be preserved, & I think

1816 my faith was a little strengthened by this communication.
Sometime after this I again went down to Plaistow, soon
after I arrived Elizabeth (Joseph) Fry began to query with
me whether I sd like to have a female companion, I answered,
it was what I wished for much, but had not freedom to name
London & Neighbourhood. it to any one to accompany me, she then told me, that her sis-
ter Eliz. Fry had mentioned to her a belief, that she must give
up to go with me, & understanding the french language would
render her very useful, she had gone with her several journies
& been to her a truly valuable sympathizing companion. This
proposition was very agreeable to me, Elizabeth said, it seemed
laid on her, in the last sitting of the Y.M. of M's & E's & she c^d not
get from under it. — I called upon E Fry the single sister in
the evening, but I did not name the subject at that time, but
next morning I told her how pleasant it felt to me, & encou-
raged her to bring forward her concern to her Mo: Meeting w^ch
was pretty much agreed upon, & afterwards to obtain the sanc-
tion of the Morn^g Meeting if no objection arose. I took an af-
fectionate leave of my relations & fr^ds, & wishing to take the
meetings in Kent previous to embarking, Jos: Fry kindly offered
to take me in his Gig to Rochester. We rec^d a kind welcome
Rochester on our arriving at Mr. Rickman's. Next day being first, attended
their meeting, wch I think was open & favoured. In the evening had
a meeting for the neighbours, as many came, as the house could
well contain, & I was strengthened to get thro' the service to my own

1816 Peace. On 2d Day Evening, the people of Stroud were invited to
Frds meeting house at Rochester, but being at a distance the
Stroud meeting was small & exercising, yet I hope I was favoured to
discharge apprehended Duty in simplicity & sincerity. On 3d Day
Wm Richman & his Wife went with me to Maidstone, we had a meeting
Maidstone with Frds in the forenoon, their number few, yet some agreeable Frds
among them, the meeting a contriting one to several, the careless
were warned of the danger of delay in spiritual matters, and
the sincere hearted encouraged to faithfulness. In the evening
had a meeting for the Inhabitants of the place, not large but a
satisfactory one. Next morning we went to Ashford, to a meeting
Ashford with friends, who are few, it proved an exercising one, there
appeared to be little of the life of religion among them, we
endeavoured according to ability, honestly & tenderly to expos-
tulate, but oh! how difficult it is to arouse those who are settled
down in a state of ease. In the evening an invitation was
extended to the inhabitants, but the house not half filled, yet
I thot there was a comfortable feeling attended. We next went
to Canterbury to a small meeting of Frds pretty comfortable,
Canterbury in the evening we had a public meeting, the people came out
pretty well & it was an open meeting. On 6th Day Morning we
went to Margate, the Frds here are also few, but I soon found
Margate my mind drawn into much sympathy with some present, two
persons dressed in mourning were greatly tendered & some others
also, & it was a favoured meeting. In the evening had a public

1846 meeting held in an Assembly Room, several hundreds I believe
Margate came behaved well, I thot I was strengthened rather unusually
to speak to them, I felt thankful in believing it was a favoured
meeting. Oh! how often do I long that the precious Cause may not
suffer by me, these public meetings I feel to be very awful.
Dover 7th Day went to Dover to the house of Thomas Beck. 1st Day
attended their meetings, felt much tried in going to the first, &
expected to have nothing to do, but this was not my lot, but I
had to bear a close testimony to the careless among them, Sa:
Charman, Sus.a Horsnail & Ma: Baker had afterwards to speak
in unison. In the afternoon I was silent, but Wm. Martin of
Lewis spoke very agreeably, Wm. Rickman & Rich.d Weston also
spoke. On 2d Day Oct. Mo: 17th. The Qu: Meeting was held for
the County of Kent, in this I was engaged in testimony & sup-
-plication, previous to the latter movement, other fr.ds were
engaged in the ministry, I thot we were favoured to conclude
under a solemn feeling of divine goodness. The women con-
-ducted their business agreeably. But I omitted to notice in
its place the meet.g of M's & E's, held on 1st Day evening, & was
a precious uniting season, wch. will not I think be soon
forgot by some of us. — In the evening of 3d Day ~~of the Qu. Meeting~~
~~Day~~, a public meeting was held, tho' not large, it was to
satisfaction, Wm. Martin took an agreeable part therein.
We went next to a meeting for fr.ds at Folkstone wch. was small
& poor. In the evening one was held for the neighbours pretty

1816 large, after a time of silence, feeling my mind strengthened
to speak, I begun, by recommending to those who were afflicted
Folkstone to a reliance upon Him, who alone can effectually help and
sanctify all our afflictions to us. To those in affluence present,
I wished to turn their attention to the wants of the poor, visit their
habitations, endeavour to feel with them, & to make their case
their own, as much as they could, & administer to their wants,
not with a sparing, but a liberal hand, & doing this from a right
motive, not an ostentatious one, they would draw down the
blessing of heaven upon them, this would excite a sense of
humble gratitude for the manifold favours bestowed upon
them, and recommended in a particular manner unto all,
an attention to that precious influence wh. can so regulate
our minds & subdue our corrupt wills, as to enable us to fill
up our various duties with propriety & I think an ~~extraordinary~~
unusual solemnity prevailed. Sa: Charman addressed
her former neighbours agreeably (Folkstone being her native
place) & then appeared in supplication, & the meeting ended
comfortably. We then went to a public meeting at Sheerness,
Sheerness we found several Rochester frd. waiting for us, it was held in
the methodist M. House, it was very large, & on this acct. looked
discouraging to me & I thot there was no chance of making
the people all hear, but I soon felt quiet, & way seemed to
open, & I found my voice strong, & the preacher said, afterwards,
he believed all the people cd hear distinctly, thus every way

1810 help was mercifully afforded, & I felt grateful under a sense
thereof, the people were solid, & the meeting ended, after I trust
solemn supplication. The people expressed more approbation
Deerness than I wanted to hear, their preacher & his wife pressed my
staying all night with them, but tho't it better to return to the
Inn. Next Day returned to Dover. I had a public meeting
Dover in the evening for the inhabitants at the other end of the Town,
wch was a very comfortable one. Feeling drawn towards the
people occupying two villages, called, Huel & River, frds procured
Huel a Barn betwixt the two & fitted it up nicely, but the evening proo-
& River -ving wet, I was afraid few people wd come, but ~~the~~ they seemed
glad of the oppy of attending a Friends meeting & came out freely,
& a very satisfactory one it was, after I had got thro' what was
before me, Ma. Baker had something to express. After which
an active man among the methodists gave out the following
Lines wch those of his persuasion sung. viz. "Lord dismiss us with
thy blessing; Bid us now depart in Peace; Still our heavenly
manna feeding; Let our faith & love increase; — Fill each
breast with consolation; Up to thee our hearts we raise; When
we reach our blissful station; Then we'll give thee nobler
Praise". We tho't it best to hear them patiently, & when done
& the people sitting still, Eliz. Beck concluded the meeting in
supplication. I was well satisfied in having held this meetg.
the people shewed us great kindness. Inclining again to
go to Folkstone, Eliz: Beck accompanied me, the meeting with

1816 friends was very exercising, it seemed my place to endeavor
to arouse them a little to labour for themselves, some feeling
Folkston was evinced, but others appeared to be too much settled on
their Lees, & not willing to be disturbed, nor their rest broken,
they entertained us kindly, but my spirit was sad. In the Evening they
neighbours were again invited, but the meeting was not very
large, but the people were solid, & I was furnished with some
ability to labour among them. We next had a public Meeting
Sandgate at Sandgate, the people were rather long in gathering, but it
proved a very favoured meeting, before it I felt low & tried, but
after it was over, my sorrow was turned into humble rejoicing.

On 7th Day my companion Eliz. Fry (who had got comfortably liberated by Frds for our Journey) Sarah Fry & others came
to Dover. I had felt a desire to have a meeting at Buckland
Buckland a village near Dover, a Barn was got for the purpose & fitted up
nicely, the people flocked to it, & it was soon filled, I had to speak
on the nature of true worship & as I proceeded I felt an increase
of strength, & tho a solemn covering spread over us, & it opened
with me to explain the nature of the one true & saving baptism,
also the blessed effects of the spirit of christianity where it
prevailed, producing harmony in families & in society; after
this I was engaged in supplication. The person who lent his
Barn was a Baptist, & did not appear offended in opposing
his Tenets, but offered to lend his sociable to convey us back
to Dover &c. & ~~7th Day Evening~~ ~~fol~~ feeling as if I did not be clear

1816 without having another meeting with the people of Dover
(Dover before I embark, one was held on 2d Day evening, but having
no memorandum respect it, cannot say how it was accom-
-plished. —— We parted with our friends at Dover af-
-fectionately, & we embarked for Calais, viz.t Wm & Charlotte
Allen, Cornelius Hanbury, Francis Martin, our Interpreter,
Eliz. Fry & myself, when we arrived Wm Allen having ar-
-ranged for our Journey, appointing different offices to the
young men, such as looking after the luggage, repairs of the
carriage, paying expences &c Our Coach is very handsome
& commodious w.ch is made very strong, having new wheels &c
boot from London. We set off with 6 Horses & two Postilions, we
went by way of Gravelines, & Dunkirk, Ypres, Courtray, & Ghent,
Ghent a very large City, our Hotel being near the Cathedral we
looked in & observed so many marks of superstition, our eyes af-
-fected our hearts. We intended to have gone to Antwerp to
day, but Wm Allen wished to see the ~~Governor~~ Governor re-
-specting schools for the poor of this City, education being
much neglected, ~~they~~ he found him a agreeable intelligent
Man, they presented him with some Books, & some acc.t of the
Lancastrian Schools. — In the course of the day we were intro-
-duced into a large Prison called "Maison du Force" w.ch I suppose
contains at present abt. 1000 prisoners, it is for 3 Provinces, & is
under excellent regulation, Wm Allen thinks there is not another
equal to it, except in Philadelphia, they have all separate bed-

1814 Rooms, bare employed in different manufactories. They have
solitary Cells, but dont take life, except for murder of the
Ghent first magnitude. We staid over first Day in this City. In
the morning we sat down quietly together, & had a very sweet
refreshing Meeting, E Fry had a little to express agreeably,
& it was with me vocally to acknowledge the goodness of our
heavenly Father in remembering us at that time, also in
having thus far protected us on our Journey, & to implore His
continued care over us, & his holy direction in our future
movements, that we might be faithful in all things, and
permitted when our embassy was compleated to receive the
reward of faithful servants. In this little opp.y I trust we
were favoured to feel our spirits nearly united, & mine was
much revived thereby. Wm Allen has had another interview
with the Governor who is very courteous, & I hope our detention
may have been for the best. We visited a Convent, Lunatic
Asylum & other Institutions. On 2d Day the 8th of 7th Mo: we set
Antwerp off for Antwerp thro' a fine fruitful country, but flat, the dis-
tance from Ghent abt. 30 miles, we arrived safe, ~~but very very~~,
it is a large & very elegant City, I observed in a large Dock, there
were several american ships, among the rest was one called, Wm
Penn of Baltimore, Wm Allen visited sundry institutions here, but
found them defective in management, wch I expect he pointed out.
7th Mo: 10th arrived at Breda, a fortified Town of some consequence
tho' not so large as Antwerp. — Before we left Antwerp we met

1816 with Joshua Clibborn & his Wife, I suppose members of our Society & now settled at this place in business, there are two others persons one of the name of Hancock, who were brot. up among frds. I suppose, living in this City. We went to Tea at J. Clibborn's where came several persons from dif. countries, viz. 2 Americans, 1 Irish man, 1 German, 3 from Switzerland, 1 French Man, 2 Flanders Girls & 5 English. Next morng. Jos. Clibborn's wife, with 2 swiss Sisters, & another of their serious frds. came to see us, we invited them into our room, where Charlotte Allen, E. Fry & myself sat down with them, & in a little time my companion appeared in supplication in french, then in testimony, they were much broken, & as I had felt much sympathy with J. C's Wife who understood english, I ventured to speak what was on my mind, & not only she, but they were all much contrited, a truly comfortable season we had together, we parted with feelings of near affection. We proceeded on our Journey, having 8 Loss, on acct. of the roads being so heavy, we came to a place called Hollands Diep, an Arm of the Sea wch. we had to cross, being 5 Miles over, then went to Dortrich where we got a poor din-ner, but the Landlord charged us 5/ each, our Money. We then went forward to Rotterdam, where I recd. Letters from home, giving a good acct. of my Family &c. Whilst we were here, we enquired after some serious people, & we obtained the company of 6 or 7 women & a few men, one of the name of Weatherbore offered us a room in his house, they appeared all very talkative & had no Idea of

Rotterdam

1816 silence, two or three of them understood English, Wm Allen spoke
to one Reeling to be the Interpreter, who kindly offered to do his
best, W.A. gave them some description of our silent meetings, &
told them we wished to sit a little while quietly together, E Fry soon
Rotterdam after said a little, afterwards I ventured to address them, b several
appeared tendered, I then offered a little in supplication wich-
out being interpreted for. After the opg an old woman who
could speak english, said, she believed part of what I had to say
was a message from heaven to her, acknowledged that she be-
lieved, they wanted more stillness among them, b that they had
suffered loss that way be. Next morning we sat down together
b a precious season it proved to me, wherein my dr family was
brot. very near to me, & my soul was engaged in supplication for
them all. We went forward b stopped awhile at the
Hague, b visited some institutions, b attempted to do what
Hague we could in imparting some religious instruction, but the
obstacles were so great, it was difficult to do much, a proper
interpreter we cd not procure, yet we distributed some books a-
-mong them. I felt discouraged b cd not obtain relief. We went
to Leyden next, walked to the botanic Garden where we under-
-stood there was 6,000 dif. sorts of plants, saw the University,
the City beautiful, the streets looked as if they had been washed.
Haarlem houses b shops elegant, after dining here, we went to Haarlem,
stopt awhile b then proceeded to Amsterdam. — We had a com-
-fortable sitting this morng, Jno Mullett only in addition to our

1816 party, I had a little to express to him, — We visited a family of the name of Parker who was known to E Fry with whom we had a contrite opp.y, w.ch tended much to our relief. We visited a work-house, & tried to obtain a meeting among the people, but could not meet with any who would act as a public Interpreter, Amsterdam altho' one had agreed, but when a sentence was given him, he whispered into the ears of some of them, this did not answer for us, & were obliged to give it up, to our great disappointment. but as we did what we could, we endeavored to be satisfied. After leaving this City, we went to ~~[illegible]~~ Utrecht, where Mr. Allen visited some of the charitable Institutions, one for Lunatics, under bad management, as they appear all to be in Holland & Zest the Netherlands. From hence we went to Zest to see a Moravian establishment, the number in all abt. 260, they appeared to be industrious in various sorts of work, visited their place of worship in which was placed an organ, & they appear ~~[illegible]~~ in the form in their mode of worship, in some things they are much in the simplicity, use few complements, & I suppose exact in keeping to their word in dealing. One of their Meetings was to be held in the evening, they wished us to stay, but felt no inclination, but proceeded to Daesburg where we lodged, then went on by Arnheim, Bock-hold & to Munster, got in after Munster 10 o'clock, next morning we sat down together, & had a refreshing little meeting, when my dear family were brot. sweetly to my remembrance, also many other dear Friends. Mr. Allen took us

1844 a walk out, but the appearance of the City did not please us,
being rather shabby, altho' there are many large buildings, Cathe-
drals or Church-houses, &c, we saw three Iron Cages hung up against
a catholic steeple, wherein John of Leyden, John of Munster, &
Munster Mathias of Haerlem were put. — In the evening we read, & had
another little meeting, when it seemed to be my business to
encourage our ~~&~~ small party to faithfulness, my spirit was
greatly humbled, under a renewed sense of the continued gracious
regard of our heavenly Father. We proceeded on by way of Bi-
bilefield lefield, Hertford alias Herworden, where the princes Elizabeth
Hertford of the Rhine formerly dwelt, & arrived at Minden on 4th Day
Minden the 31st of 7th Month. — We entered upon a family visit to the
friends here, Francis Martin our Interpreter, in some of
them we were comforted & refreshed, F. M. manages very well
wch is very grateful to us. — We went abt. 8 Miles into the
Country to a small meeting called Edinghausen, it was heavy
& dull at first, but afterwards became a little enlivened, E. F.
& myself had both something to express. 8 Mo. 3d 7th Day went
to Hille, attended their small meeting, our whole number only
18, but some of them felt to us as dear brethren & sisters, & I
think I never sat a more comfortable meeting, & we were
furnished with ability to speak to them in the love of Truth,
how much better it is to go to the houses of those, who are poor
in this world, & seeking after a better inheritance, than to
the houses of the rich & great, whose principal delight is in

1846 outward things, I was much comforted by being with them, having been very low before, but of this I have often been made sensible, that the pure seed is not experienced to arise into dominion in our hearts, but thro' suffering, boh: that I may be willing still to endure all the painful exercises wch. may be needful for me, ~~to~~ in order that I may be prepared rightly to labour amongst these dear friends, who truly claim the sympathy & help of their friends from our land. — I believe it has ~~been~~ been better that the Yearly Meetings Committee came before us, than if we had all been together, the friends appear pleased with their visit, & we have rec.d some useful information from Josiah Forster, & Thos. Christy.

We returned to Minden, & next being first of the week attended

Minden their meeting, several neighbours came in, so that altogether we might be abt. 100. it was an exercising time, altho' I had a good deal to say to frds. & also to others, yet at the close, I felt desirous, that frds. might remain awhile, & I had to labour closely & plainly with some, who I was afraid were too superficial, however upon the whole I trust, we had a good meeting. — In the evening we had another meeting ~~for~~ frds. & neighbours, & after a time of deep exercise, the Truth arose into a precious degree of dominion amongst us, after having something to express in testimony, I was enabled earnestly to petition, that the exercise of mind some of us had felt this day for the frds. of this meeting, might be blessed both to Visitors & Visited, & that the attention of the people generally might be more turned, to the Lord, so that unto them who have sat

1816 in darkness & in the shadow of death, light might spring up,
~~to~~ that the glorious gospel power might be more known among
Minden them, this ~~to~~ prayer was not interpreted, but the people appeared
much tendered, & I trust the meeting concluded under a precious
covering, may deep reverence & bowedness of soul be my portion.

After this we went to Pyrmont barrived the 6th of 8th Month
& took up our quarters at Henrietta Seebohm's. — attended their
Pyrmont meeting, Lewis Seebohm interpreted, I believe very correctly, I
went to meeting under much exercise of mind & bowedness of
soul, willing to ~~to~~ do anything for the precious cause of Truth
w.ch might be pointed out, at length I felt my mind renewedly
strengthened to speak & matter presenting, I was enabled comfort-
-ably to relieve my mind. We visited fr.ds in their families &
went from house to house under discouraging feelings, & are
afraid there is but little of the real life of religion amongst
them, divisions also have taken place, the earnest prayer of my
heart is, & hath been, that we may be faithful, neither outrun nor
underdo, but just do the work assigned us, & leave the issue to Him,
whom I desire to serve with my spirit. The more we see of those
fr.ds, the more need we feel of great caution in our movements, & I
may say, with respect to myself, that every time there is an open-
-ing for communication, it feels to me like the unlocking of a
store of deep exercise, & delivering out a small part, & I believe
in order to obtain full relief, it will require great watchfulness,
caution & patience, but this I can say, that I often feel willing

1816 to suffer any thing, if I only may be favoured to do the work well.
we proceeded on in the family visit, & had sometimes close things
to express; ~~to~~ one fr^d. to whom I was thus speaking, was so affected,
that he almost wept aloud. First day were at meeting, many not friends
came & some of them evinced much openness. – ~~In the Evening~~
Pyrmont ~~had three sittings~~. Friends were desired to remain awhile after
the rest were gone, & had a very close time with them. In the evening
we had three sittings. After we had got thro' these services, we thot
it desirable to enter more minutely into the cause of the differences
wch. existed among them, & they were requested to meet in fr^ds. M. House,
for this purpose, after sitting awhile in silence, Lewis Deyson &
Henry Meyer were requested to bring forward what they had against
each other, & any other friends were at liberty to express what they
felt of this hurtful nature; representing to them the pernicious
effects of indulging a spirit of enmity. After this, first one
fr^d. & then another poured out their grievances, F. Martin interpreting,
but there did not appear to be much in those things, after they
were investigated, ~~but I suppose~~ When they had pretty fully opened
out all, W^m. Allen advised first Lewis Deyden & Hen. Meyer to be friends
& shake hands, & taking each of their hands in his, he reminded them
of their advancing age, & of the necessity of their being reconciled,
not only on that acc^t., but also for the sake of others, upon which,
they then seemed fully willing to forgive, shook hands & embraced
each other, this had a wonderful effect on the rest, who burst
into weeping, every one, W^m. Allen & F. Martin also, & it proved an

1814 extraordinary time, every one seemed fully reconciled to each other, & embraced each other with brotherly affection. ——

Attended their week day meeting, many people came to it, I

Pyrmont had a good deal to say to them, E. F. also spoke. I was also engaged to supplicate, both for the people in those parts, & for the dear friends, on whose acct. my mind hath felt deeply bowed, many times, & I have tho.t I c.d be willing to do any thing for their good. I did not feel satisfied, without again requesting the fr.ds to stop, after the rest were gone. We all addressed them ~~in~~ (viz. W.m. E.F. & myself) in gospel love, with tender desires for their welfare, they were much broken. — In the afternoon we inclined again to visit Lewis Deebohm, his wife sat with him, what I had to say ~~was~~ to him was very close~~ly~~, endeavoring to shew him, how much he had missed his way, by first departing from that Power whereby he was preciously visited in early life, what a hurt it had been to his family & friends, also the strong desire I felt, for his restoration, that he might get down to that state of humiliation, needful for him, that he & bro.t back be restored to divine favour. E.F. was led in the same strain, & when I was engaged to supplicate for him, he seemed brot. down, & parted kindly with us. Our business at Pyrmont seemed now concluded, yet did not see my way to go, but as my companions seemed quite ready to proceed I did not like to object, so we took an affectionate leave of fr.ds & departed, but on the road I felt uncomfortable, & further we went, this trying feeling increased & I suffered much

1814 before I made my distress known, at length it seemed as if the language was uttered in my spiritual Ear, "Thou must go back to Pyrmont, I have a service for thee there" then I submitted & opened my case to Mr. Allen & E. Fry, who were very feeling & kind on the occasion, & it was concluded for E. F. myself & Cornelius Tanbury to take the common conveyance & return, when we got back (I suppose we had proceeded 33 or 34 miles, some of it very bad road)

Pyrmont the Frs. were surprized, but glad to see us, my concern was to have the people & visitors collected, & I was advised ~~to~~ on 1st Day Morn. early, to shew myself on the public promenade, in order that the people might see I was there, this was like the very essence of mortification, but the great exercise on my mind for the people made me willing. We went to meeting at the time (or near) appointed, something soon opened on my mind for the people who almost filled the house, it seemed my business to warn them of the danger of trusting in riches, worldly pleasure, or ~~worldly~~ their own acquirements in any way, Lewis Seebohm interpreted well, some of the people looked solid, E. F. was acceptably engaged in the ministry. The ~~people~~ meeting in the evening was mostly filled with people of a different description, the middle & poor classes, my mind after a time of deep exercise was much enlarged towards them, & I admired at the help graciously afforded to obtain relief, I had to remind them of the hurtful tendency of many evil things, wch. I believed were prevalent amongst them, & what wd be the end thereof if persisted in &c.

1816 I was afterwards engaged in supplication. — The friends & such
who professed with us were requested to stop awhile, we both
Pyrmont had something to express & they were greatly tendered, & we were
glad in being there. We took an affec: leave of many of them.
When I retired to rest, I felt now as if I was clear of Fr.ds & others
of this place, & a song of praise filled my heart. Next morning we
set off in a Wargon we engaged to take us to Cassel, we all
felt comfortable on leaving Pyrmont, Cornelius said, it had been
good for him that he had been there. On 3d Day we joined our
company at Cassel, & were truly glad to meet again, poor Wm.
& Charlotte Allen & also F. Martin complained of having been
quite low spirited in our absence, we gave them acct. how we
had fared at Pyrmont, with which they were much pleased, say-
-ing they had no doubt of the propriety of our going back, & our
joy at meeting was mutual. — We then went on together to Frank-
Frankfort -fort on the Maine where we stopped a few Days. On 1st Day morng
we held our little meeting in silence. — We acquainted Christian
Wild, secretary to the Bible Society at this place, that we wished
to see a few serious people, if such there were, he said there were
a few called Pietists, & said Sa. Fustler & E. Coggeshall had a meet
-ing with them & he offered us a room in his house, & we fixed
to meet them at 6 o'clock, abt. 12 persons came, they sat very still
& I trust a degree of solemnity prevailed, after a time of deep
wading, I was favoured with a degree of clearness to speak to
them, & also to supplicate on their behalf, & we considered it a

1816 comfortable meeting, E F. united in exercise & labour, they expressed their satisfaction when we parted, dear W & C Allen also expressed their approbation with the meeting, wch. as it was at my instance, & having to detain so large a party a whole day is a serious thing, but I thot respecting this engagement way did seem to open rather remarkably, where I cd see no way, for which I feel grateful. We proceeded by way of Radstadt, Rehl & be to Strasburg, a large fortified Town, & on by way of Colmar, & I think Mulhausen to Basle, &

Basle took up our quarters at the three Kings, close to the Rhine. This morning we held our little meeting, wch. was a time of consolation, & my spirit was bowed under a sense of gratitude to the Father of mercies for his protecting care over us, & was vocally engaged to return thanks for the same. A serious man of the name of Immanuel Schaell several times visited us, & feeling a desire to have an opp.y with him, he readily agreed to stay awhile, & we had a comfortable season with him. We next went to Soleure,

Berne then to Berne, from hence we went to Hofwyl to Fred: Fellingberg's School, & had a religious opp.y with a number of the ~~pu~~

Hofwyl ~~pu~~ pupils, sons of rich people, & some of them the sons of German Princes, they were collected in the dining room, a number of the Teachers were present, Fr. Martin interpreted what I said into french, & Fellingberg into German, they were still & attentive, & I obtained pretty full relief, we parted with them friendly & returned to Berne. We proceeded forward by way of Everdun & Lake of Neufchatel, & as were riding on the road my mind

1816. was drawn into much inward quiet, & the merciful dealings of my heavenly Father with me from my youth to the present day were brot. fresh into my recollection, & this passage of scripture sweetly occurred "Fear not &c when thou passest thro' the waters, I will be with thee, & thro' the Rivers, they shall not overflow thee, when thou walkest thro' the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flames thereof kindle upon thee" when the poor mind is deeply tried similar to passing thro' the waters, or thro' the fire, & deprived of all sensible enjoyment of good, how difficult it is then to believe, that the divine Arm is with them, but when a capacity is given to view the gracious dealings of the most High with our souls, how consoling is this gracious assurance, & oh! how precious did it feel to me then, my heart was bowed in reverent gratitude before Him, who hath been my gracious Helper, and many times opened a way where I could see no way, to my own astonishment, my mind was then occupied in sweet contemplation for a season, & my faith & confidence in the holy Arm of divine Power was renewed & strengthened.

Evrdun At this place Evrdun is the school established by the famous Pestalozzi, Wm Allen visited it. It was from this school that Jos: Lancaster was suspected to have taken the first idea of his system of education. — From hence we went to Lausaane

Lausaane On 1st Day morng the 8th we held our little meeting in silence wch I hope was in degree owned. We next went to Geneva,

1816 where we were detained several weeks, in consequence of Charlotte
Allen being taken unwell wch. ultimately proved fatal, & was
buried in the neighbourhood of Geneva. But before this Event
took place & after doing all we could for this dear friend & her
afflicted husband, we thot it best to separate, & E. Fry & myself
Geneva accompanied by Francis Martin, to proceed to the South of France,
in pursuance of my Concern towards those under our name in
that part, the trial in leaving our beloved friends under such
circumstances was keenly felt. Wm. Allen observing my loss re-
-specting our Journey, expressed how much he felt for me, advis-
-ing me to keep in that faith in which I had set out he believed it
would carry me through, amongst other things, he said, perhaps
I had heard of a saying, "that we ought not to dispute in the dark
what we had seen in the light"; by this I was instructed, for this
had been much my case of late, & admired that he should have so
hit the nail on the head. On 6th Day morning after a comforting
opy wherein I was engaged to supplicate both for them & us, we
parted I trust under a sweet feeling of the uniting influence
of the Love of our heavenly Father, it was an heart tendering
Lyons season to us all. We bent our course towards Lyons & arrived
safe in that large City; on 1st Day morning the 29th of 9th Mo: E.F. &
myself held our meeting. After spending two or three days here
we proceeded on towards Congenies by way of Valence, Lafoux
Congenies & the ancient city of Nismes & arrived at Congenies on
6th Day the 4th of 10th Mo: & met with a kind reception from

1814 Louis Majolier & his family. On 1st Day attended their meet-
-ings, in the morning the house was pretty full perhaps about
150 persons present, I went under discouraging feelings from
different causes. My dear companion appeared in supplication,
& afterwards feeling my heart enlarged in love I begun to speak
Samuel Cosins who was at present here, interpreted & with Louis
Corgenies Majolier's help did very well, & when I sat down my mind was
easy & comfortable, & after ~~awhile~~ awhile I was engaged in supplica-
-tion, & in this I thot I was never more sensible of best help. Louis
Majolier stood up & alluded to what I had expressed, & gave a sum-
-mary of the whole very agreeably, the meeting was I think
much favoured, & the people much tendered. I have a hope
our coming here will not prove in vain, I think I never before
experienced such feelings of very near interest for any set of
friends, as I have this day felt for those in this place. The
afternoon meeting also proved a relieving one to me, the
exercise I felt on behalf of some was great indeed, I longed
to have been able to speak without an Interpreter, my heart
was so full however I became satisfied as we were doing
our best. In the evening we sat with Louis Majolier & his
family wch was a comfortable opportunity. 2d Day the 7th of
10th mo: had 6 family sittings, some of them very exercising,
next day we had 5, & proceeded on till we got through
the work, & I think I never found this employ harder, very
deep exercise is necessary to get down to the root, so as to

1816 be able to feel rightly for the visited, & minister to them from
the fresh arisings of the pure spring, & under an awful
sense that it is this only that can promote the work in that
degree designed by him, whom I desire to serve, & not to flinch
Congenies from those baptisms needful to prepare the mind for close
exercise. I have cause to hope, that we are not running
in our own wills, from different striking circumstances
wch have occurred during this visit, wch affords encourage-
-ment to my often drooping mind. 5th Day attended meet
-ing, the house pretty full, I had a good deal on my mind to
express, & the meeting was I think a favoured one. A blind
woman spoke a little time, but cd not judge of the pro-
-priety of the offering. On first day we had 2 very exercis-
-ing meetings with frds bockers, but after patiently waiting
we were favoured to obtain relief. — In the evening had
a meeting with a few who had married out. Next morning
the young people were requested to come together, bit proved
a tendering season. After this the frds came to take leave
of us previous to setting off. I inclined to sit down with
them awhile when I felt a farewell salutation, after
which with many tears we parted, indeed ~~xxxx~~ it was a
very affecting one, never expecting to meet again. I hope
to some of these dear people, a renewed visitation of divine
love had been extended. — We went next to Vauvert — had
a very open bretheren meeting with abt. 30 persons, amongst

1814 others was a protestant Priest, who expressed satisfaction
with what he had heard. We next went to St. Giles & had a
St. Giles meeting wch. was a trying one, they are a poor scattered com-
-pany, & seldom go to meeting, except Louis go to visit them.
We requested another meeting with them in the morning,
when they generally attended, what fell to our lot to express
was very close, but they did not appear offended, being kind
to us, they are mostly rich & increasing in Land & Money,
their Wine selling well, but we seldom see worldly riches
favourable to a growth in religion. The frdt at whose house
we were at, entertained us with great hospitality, loaded
us with fruit when we came away. We next went to
the city of Nismes where we hoped to have met Francis Mar-
Nismes -tin who had been visiting his friends abt St. Hippolite while
we were engaged with ours at Congenies & however after a
little detention he came, Louis Majolier came with us to
Nismes, also Saml. Cosins, & before we separated we had a
precious opty together & parted in near affection with desires
for each others welfare. — The visit to these dear friends in
the south of France has yielded me peculiar satisfaction,
& my dear companion also has expressed much comfort
Lafaux with it. We left Nismes in the Evening & got to Lafaux to
lodge, soon after we set off I felt my mind drawn into silence
& such a flow of peace filled my heart for a considerable
time, as I have seldom experienced in which I rejoiced, & a

1810 song of praise was raised in my soul for the many favours extended in divers ways to me a poor unworthy creature.

After this we passed thro' France pretty quickly by way of Lyons, Paris & so on to Calais, here we sold our Carriage. We crossed over from hence to Dover in abt. 12 hours the weather fine, & my mind was favoured with that sweet calmness wch. nothing outward can give, & it was to me the most agreeable voyage I ever had; on looking back at our whole Journey, the dangers we had escaped thro' such an extensive Travel, the very bad roads we had gone over, & thro' a part of France reported to be infested with Robbers &c and to have been preserved from sustaining the least injury thro' all, my soul is bowed in gratitude before Him, who hath indeed dealt bountifully with me. — 1st Day morng. Attended meeting at Dover wch. I hope ended well, in the Evening the people in the Town were invited to meeting, the house was crowded & many c not get in, we were favoured with the overshadowing wing of divine goodness, this meeting revived me much, I was greatly discouraged before. Wm. Horsnail accompanied us from hence to Lewes 16 Miles where we attended meeting, after which we went to Brighton, here we met with Richd. Phillips, his Wife & Daughter, after some deep exercise & labour, I was enabled at length to feel something to arise, wch. appeared to be for communication, & I got my mind comfortably relieved.

Calais

Dover

Lewes

1846 Richd Phillips spoke pretty much in the same strain w.h
I had done & repeated some of the same things, he was very
kind indeed, took us to his lodgings, & set us back to ours.
Crawley We went next to Crawley, accompanied by Jno. Glacier,
had a meeting there next morning, instead of going to I-
-field, it was held in a school Room, the road being very bad
to Field was a great accomodation to us, & appeared to be no
inconvenience to friends, it was small, but something was
felt near the close, w.h afforded a little encouragement,
the men were mostly dressed in smock frocks & some had
Horsham great coats upon them. In the afternoon we went to Horsham
to a meeting in the Evening, w.h was, rather larger than some
Capel next morning sat with fr.ds at Capel, being only 5 besides
ourselves, yet we were comforted together, we returned to
Horsham to Dinner at Saml. Pollard's, & after an opportunity
Arundel in his family went to Arundel, & the following morning
had a small trying meeting there, but I was favoured to leave
it pretty well satisfied, previous to which we sat with two
Chichester young men. We next went to Chichester to the house of
James & Sarah Hack, & it felt very comfortable to be under
their Roof. The meeting here was small & exercising, altho'
some of them worthy fr.ds, there are others who occasion weighty
burdens on the rest. Mary Baker is on a family visit here,
& what we had to express was in unison with each other.
In the Evening we held a meeting for the Inhabitants w.h

1816 proved comfortable & relieving to, me, Sarah Hack & Mary Baker were very acceptable fellow-helpers. S. Hack went with me to call upon a few friends, in one family we had an exercising opportunity, but a very relieving one. After this attended Mo:

Portsmouth Meeting at Arundel, then a public meeting at Portsmouth, then sat with friends at Dorking & Ryegate & so on to London. Next went to Staines to their 1st day morning Meeting & in the Evening, the neighbours were invited & they filled the house, it proved a solid satisfactory meeting, we were agreeably entertained at the house of Doctor Pope. Feeling a desire

Brentford to have a meeting with the people of Brentford, a methodist M. House was kindly offered for the purpose, previous to

Uxbridge which we had a meeting with friends at Uxbridge, & were satisfied in attending, altho' small, several of their members being absent. In the evening went to the public meet-

Brentford ing at Brentford, the prospect of which dismayed me, however I endeavoured to keep still & feel after that which I had before known to be strength in weakness, & in the needful time, I think I never was more sensible of best help being afforded, but was a good Meeting, the Truth rose into a considerable degree of dominion, at the close, the people seemed to be in no haste to go away, I was very thankful for this favour. From hence we went to London, & next day attend-

Peel Mo: Meet. ed Peel Mo: Meeting, wch proved a time of close exercise to me, having to go into the men's meeting for Discipline, but

1810 after all I felt comfortably relieved. On 5th Day, 11 Mo we
attended Ratcliff Mo: Meeting, to which we went in Jno. Pimm's
Ratcliff Mo: Meet. Carriage, he, with Fred: Smith & Josiah Messer, these frs being
a part of a Committee to visit this Mo: Meeting, here I had
my share of exercise in the first Meeting, but had nothing to
do in the second, but my mind was greatly bowed under the
prospect of a public meeting in the Evening. We dined at
Joseph Forster's at Bromley, & went back to Meeting at 6.
which was large & very exercising, yet it proved comfortable.
On 6th Day Jno. Pimm took us in his Carriage to Winch-
Winch-more-hill more-hill to a Meeting at 11 o'clo: we dined at Josiah Fors-
-ter's at Southgate. In the evening went to Newington,
lodged at Jasper Capper's. Next day being first of the week
Devonshire House & 26th of 11th Mo: I attended Devonshire House Meeting both
fore & afternoon, in the morning, was engaged ~~had pretty much to express, both~~
in testimony, ~~& after in solemn supplication~~, & having long
had a prospect of going thro' the families belonging this meet-
-ing & may having been prepared for it, & my frd Elizabeth Beck
having obtained leave of her Mo: Meeting to unite with me
herein, we commenced this Evening, by taking one family,
I had pretty much to express & concluded in solemn supplica-
-tion, after which I was taken unwell & returned to my quar-
-ters at Jos: Lister's & had almost a sleepless night, being
so anxious respecting the prospect of being confined so
far from home, I continued a little poorly during the

1816 evening Day, when abt. 10 at night growing worse, we had present a medical Man, & about 1 o'clock in the morning viz. the 27th of 11th Mo: a nice little Girl was born, who we named Mary Charlotte, this dear Child continued to be a particular comfort to her Parents till she was 12 years of age, when she was taken from us, wch proved indeed a most trying bereavement, she being in every respect a most lovely Daughter to us, endowed with an excellent understanding, & sweetness of disposition. —— After being confined pretty much to the house for nearly a month, on 1st Day 12 Mo: I attended Meeting at Devonshire House, this was a great mountain in prospect, but it was astonishing to myself, to find how it was removed, & I apprehended it to be my place to appear first in testimony, & afterwards in supplication, many friends expressed pleasure in seeing me out again, I did not get to the afternoon meeting, but had a large company to Tea, & a comfortable opp.y afterwards. On 2d Day was the Qu: Meeting of Ministers & Elders, & was I believe a favoured one, I felt low & stripped, until near the last, when I felt constrained to supplicate to which I yielded & felt a flow of sweet peace. On 3d Day went to the Qu: Meeting in great fear, but was mercifully helped, yet was not able to obtain full relief. I accompanied into the men's Meeting my late companion Eliz: Fry (when on the Continent) in order to return her Certificate wch she had granted her for that

Devonshire House.

1816 purpose, when E. Fry had given in her account of our con-
-tinental Journey, I was engaged in supplication, all clas-
-ses were included, & I thot I was more than usually strength-
London -ened therein, a petition was also offered, that more labourers
Qu: Meet. might be sent into the harvest, seeing that the fields
were already white, also an acknowledgment of gratitude
for the preservation we had witnessed in a foreign land. We
then withdrew, & I think I never felt more inward Peace &
true rejoicing of heart for any sacrifice I ever made. A
fr.d told me afterwards, our visit was very acceptable to the
men's Meeting, wch. encouraged me. — I felt much abt. having
the friends of this Qu: Meeting convened on 4th Day Evening
by naming it to sundry fr.ds they encouraged me to propose it,
wch. I did, & it was united with, this was a very great exercise
to me, but I was comforted in having many sympathizers, &
it proved a comfortable meeting, & I was favoured to obtain a
good degree of relief, but not fully so, I felt an engagement to
conclude the meeting in prayer, but there were so many of-
-ferings in that line near the close, that I was brot. into a
great straight, & durst not move for fear of overdoing it, &
therefore broke up the Meeting. Mary Stacey, E Fry &c ap-
-peared to have a sense that I was not clear, but as this fear
did not arise from disobedience, ~~but from fear~~, I did not
feel much condemned. — On 5th Day, we proceeded with
the family visit & had 6 sittings that day, & also on 6th Day

1816 of sittings on 7th Day. 12th Mo: 29th Attended Devonshire-house Meeting, & had to speak to the people in it was to me a mortifying sacrifice in that large Meeting, but I was helped through to my pretty full relief. Feeling an inclination in the afternoon to go to Gra-ch-street Meeting we went, & was comforted in sitting by dr Wm. Allen, I wished to be silent, but this I found would not do, therefore was obliged to endeavour to cast off what I had not brot. with me, & was favoured to get thro' to my own peace. We went home with Wm. Allen, who was very encouraging. Proceeded on in the family visit. On 3d Day was at the week day meeting, we both were silent. In some of the families where we come, we are comforted in sitting with them, in others we fare differently. On 1st Day, I felt a concern to be at Gra.ch-st meeting again, ~~but~~ it proved to me a very trying one, but I was helped beyond my expectation. 2d Day we proceeded on with our arduous employ, I trust we were favoured to discharge apprehended Duty at every place. 3d Day, at D.H. Mo: meeting, at the close, men friends at my request were detained awhile, having something to express on the subject of using unnecessary compliments, also advising them generally to stay the meetings for discipline. I had also something to do in the women's meeting. 4th Day we were at Gra.ch-st Mo: Meeting, a time of great exercise to me, but it ended very comfortably. Next day attended Tottenham Meeting where I felt something to express. In the

1817. Evening a meeting was held for the Inhabitants generally,
Tottenham when I was enabled, ~~thro' grace~~ to relieve my mind with
clearness, many fr.ds expressed satisfaction with the meeting
but nothing whatever belongs to me, a poor unworthy creature.

1 month 12 We returned to London to resume our engagements. On 1st
Southwark Day went to Southwark Meeting in the morning, where it was
Meeting my lot to labour pretty largely amongst them, & I trust the
Life was felt to arise into a precious degree of dominion, I sat
by dear Mary Dudley, she felt a strength to me, she has had
many trials of various sorts, wch. enables her to feel with
others under affliction. Jane Harris took us in her Carriage
to Gracch-st. In the afternoon we attended Devonshire House
Vol. 4 13th Meeting to satisfaction. Next Day attended the Morning Meet-
-ing, when it was expected I shd give some acct. of our Continental
Journey in which I was helped beyond what I expected. I pro-
-ceeded in great fear, informing the Meeting that it had been
to me an awful thing to request a certificate for such a
Journey, & that it appeared then a serious matter to give in
my report, & I was afraid, I should not be able to do it in a
way that would afford friends satisfaction, having no me-
-morandums with me, & having nothing but my recollection
to depend upon, however I proceeded in detailing the ser-
-vice I had been engaged in, as specified pretty much in
the preceding Acct. the clerk made a minute without
entering particulars (Luke Howard, one of the Meeting's Committee

1817 who had just before been on the Continent) said, I had given
Month 13 a very clear & correct statement, he believed, ~~of~~ as to what
related to friends in Germany, & that it was remarkable
how similar it was to the Committee's feelings, even was face
on G Meet answers face in a glass, & wanted the particulars to be
entered, but it was observed that the G Meeting of Ministers
& Elders, did not do so on those occasions, it was omitted.
Wm Allen remarked, that altho' he was only appointed one of the
Committee by the G Meeting merely to visit frds in Germany,
yet he had joined us in other religious service, & that we
had felt nearly united in the work &c. I was glad that
14th frds were satisfied with my Acct. Next Day we
attended Southwark Mo: Meeting under much exercise,
but going into the men's meeting with Mary & Elizabeth
Dudley, I obtained pretty full relief, it was I think a fa-
16 voured time. — On 5th Day were at Westminster Meeting,
wch was in part satisfactory. Went to dine at Wm Benn's
& took Tea at Richd Phillips, a pleasant & instructive visit,
altho' very humourous & cheerful, as R P. often is. We get
on with our family visit, altho' attending the different
Meetings in the City retards its progress, also had a public
Meeting in Southwark on 6th Day Evening. On 1st Day
was at Devonshire House in the morning, & in the Evening
went to meeting at Plashet, Wm Allen, Peter Bedford &c met
us there, it was large & I believe satisfactory. Next morning

1817 breakfasted at Samuel Gurney's, but with the family afterwards, & then went to sundry other families belonging Devonshire House Meeting. 1 Mo. 23 Attended the Mo: Meeting
Wansworth: at Wansworth, it was a time of deep exercise, but waiting patiently under it, was enabled to get some relief, & in the women's meeting I was strengthened to speak encouraging to divers, tho' it was a refreshing season, I also went into the men's meeting, & was astonished at the help wch was mercifully afforded in the line of communication, we dined at a friend's house of the name of Coleman, & had an opp^y in the family.

We returned to London with Wm. Allen who expressed his satisfaction in being with us, especially with our going in to the men's meeting. — It was omitted in its place to notice being at Westminster Meeting on a 1st Day morng, & in the Evening one with the young fr^ds of that Meeting, & also those belonging to Peel, who I believe came out pretty generally, & a precious meeting I believe it was. Richd Phillips took a part in the service, Fred: Smith met us at the morng meeg wch was also a favoured one. On 3^d Day were at the Mo:
Kaistow Meeting at Kaistow, where we were permitted to enjoy in the silent part of it, the sweet unity of the spirit, I esteem it a great favour to enjoy the unity of the brethren, I have met in London & its neighbourhood, many who may be accounted as Fathers & Mothers, brethren & sisters to my great comfort, dear Mary Dudley's company has been very strengthening

1817 to me, & my dear companion & have been favoured to harmonize very comfortably together. — My husband came for me to London, he accompanied Eliz. Fry & myself to Newgate in order to have a Meeting with some of the Prisoners. Next day being the first of the week attended Devonshire-house in the Morng, & had a public Meetg at Gra-ch-st in the Evening.

Next Day set our faces homeward & took Doncaster & Ackworth on our way, also Darlington, arriving safe & well at home, & had great cause for gratitude for the many favours & preservations experienced during my late long & arduous Journey. —

1810 Elizabeth Robson's next Journey with Certificate, was to visit friends in Scotland, & the people on the Orkney Islands, in company with Mr. & Reb: Byrd in the year 1818 — Thomas Christy was with them in Orkney.

In the 6th Month I left home, attended the week day Meeting
Lockbury at Newcastle, after which we got to Lockbury & had a Meeting with the people of that place at the desire of Reb: Byrd, it was held in a large Room at the Inn, perhaps abt. 200 present, we all united in Labour, & I trust a degree of sweet unity was felt, Geo: Richardson & Dan'l Oliver were with us. We
Alnwick next had a meeting at Alnwick in the Town's Hall, wch. was crowded, & I trust a favoured Meeting wherein we each took a
Edinburg share in the Labour. Proceeded on to Edinburg attended their Meeting on 1st Day Morng, & in the evening had a public
Preston Pans one, & the following Evening had also one at Preston Pans, & as all three, I may acknowledge, that in the work assigned me, I was helped thro' beyond my expectation, the Labour has been so divided, that we dont stand in each others way, & I trust our uniting in this service, is in the ordering of best wisdom, but I was never more sensible of having nothing to depend upon, but the renewed openings of Light & life from day to day. On 3d Day Evening had a public Meeting
Musselburg at Musselburg, many solid persons present, & much openings was felt for communication, & I trust the right thing prevailed in a good degree, & it was a relieving Meeting. —

1818 We next had a meeting at Dunkeld, not large, but a few solid
Dunkeld people present, the service lay chiefly on my companions,
I expressed a little near the conclusion. We engaged horses
here to take us to Inverness wch. retards our travelling, but
there is no post horses in this part of the Country. Sitting
down to read after breakfast this morng (25th of 6th mo:) a short
silent oppty succeeded, wherein my mind was refreshed, and
desires raised for the preservation of my dear family. At
County of Inverness Inverness I felt a desire to have a meeting with the people
at our Inn consisting of abt. 15 or 16 in all, we each had some
thing to express, bit was I think a comfortable opportunity.
Next morng got off pretty early, bafter we had proceeded
a few miles, a coach overtook us, & Thomas Christy with
it, we were glad to see him, he also brot. me a Letter from
Town of Inverness my husband wch. greatly relieved me. First Day at the Town
of Inverness we held a meeting in a large Room wch. was
nearly filled, the people very quiet bmany solid, it proved
a favoured meeting we all had a share in the service. We
also held a meeting in the Evening wch. was very large we
thot there might be abt. 1000 people present, the testimony
of Truth seemed to prevail bmake its way amongst them.
Dingwall Next morning proceeded on bgot to Dingwall where we
inclined to see the people together, T. Christy & John
Nicderman procured the Assembly Room, bgave notice,
they came out readily bwe had a gay company, Rebecca

1818 was largely & instructively engaged, some of the people ex-
-pressed much satisfaction, Wm. Byrd & myself had a little
Galspie to express. At Galspie a village rather small, we had
held a meeting, pretty many came & proved on the whole a
Port-Gower satisfactory Meeting. Went next abt. 16 miles to Port Gower
where we inclined to invite a few people & abt. 30 collected
it was a comfortable Meeting. We crossed the ord of Caithness
a very high Mountain, the roads thro' the Highlands as good
as those near London, made by government in great measure
some of the Owners of the Land having contributed in part.
Wick At Wick we had a large & favoured Meeting in the Independ-
-ant Meeting-house, some appeared much tendered. We next
went to Auna 2 or 3 miles from John o Groat's house. We
Burwick got nicely over Pentland Firth to Burwick in Orkney, on the
Island of South Ronaldsha, not much above 2 hours in crossing,
this Island is abt. 10 miles long. We held our first meeting in a
Barn the morng after we landed wch. was small, we understood
the Priest in this neighbourhood had lately been preaching a-
-gainst the Quakers wch. we tho't was in part the cause of so thin
an attendance. The Meeting at Burwick was much larger
than expected, & the people very attentive. We next had a meety
at Margaret's Hope a school house was fixed for the purpose, but
the Priest prevented it & gave notice at the close of his worship
to that effect, & threatened the schoolmaster, if he did suffer
the meeting to be held, he shd lose his place, so we held our

1818 meeting at the end of the Inn, where was a flight of steps
Margaret Hope } wch answered the purpose very well, being a fine Evening, the
school master came & staid all the time & appeared much grieved
with the Priest's conduct, I suppose we had a company of above
500 twice as many as the school room wd have held I suppose, it
Bursa proved a good Meeting. We then went to the Island of Bursa & had
a meeting in a warehouse, we were surprized to see such a com-
-pany collected together, it was said most of the people on the
Island were present, the testimony of Truth went forth freely, & they
were very attentive & some tendered. After meeting went to the
ferry in a cart drawn by an Ox, & rode by a young woman. We
crossed to the Island of Pomona, had a meeting in the Town-hall
Kirkwall at Kirkwall, but it proved too small, the people coming out
freely, in this meeting I thot it my place to be silent, but my
companions were much favoured, & I think Truth prevailed.
After we got to our lodgings Margt. Steward a rich person of
this place sent us a good supply of nice provisions & next
Deerness we had a meeting in a Barn at Deerness, it was surprizing to
see how soon the people left their work & collected, I believe what was
said had entrance in their hearts, they were solid & attentive, &
expressed their gratitude for the visit, we took our dinner with
us, & sat upon stones in the field to eat it. — After this we
took boat & were between 4 & 5 hours on the water Mary Eostis
husband was waiting for us to take us to their house, they had
Tea ready & several of their freinds were collected who expressed

1818 great gratitude for our coming amongst them, before supper, I
7th Mont. felt my mind drawn to return thanks for the favours received
that day, & for the help extended in our engagements, craving
that the same might be continued, until the work in that part
was finished, & that we might partake of the Lord's bounty with-
Pomona or Mainland of Orkney thankful hearts, at the same time remembering the poor in their
lonely habitations, & sympathize with them under their various
privations, & under a grateful sense for the favours extended to-
-wards us, this language ~~might~~ arose in our hearts, "What shall we
render unto thee O Lord for all thy benefits" my feelings on
returning to our lodgings were unusually peaceful. We
next had a meeting in a Mill abt. 40 or 50 persons came, I hope
12th some good resulted. On 1st Day Morng the 12th we held a meeting in the
Town's hall, pretty large & comfortable. In the afternoon took
the Pandra Boat for the Island of Shapansha & had a meeting in Captain
Balfour's Barn, it was well attended, some hundreds I suppose
present, bit proved a favoured Meeting, took Tea at Capt Balfour's
his wife was descended from friends, we ret^d back to Kirkwall,
on our landing, my mind was covered with gratitude, & this
language arose in my heart "Return unto thy rest oh! my soul,
for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee," & under these com-
-fortable feelings my mind was sweetly turned to my dear fami-
-ly at home, & my heart lifted up in secret for their preser-
[On 2nd day the 13th] the Isl^d of Stronsa
2nd day 13th vation. We proceeded in the afternoon to another Island &
3rd day 14 had a meeting next morning in a private house, the people were

1818 contrited, bit was a good meeting. In the evening had another
7 Mo 14 meeting in a Mill, wch I trust was in degree owned, but not so
3d day open as some, we sometimes have to feel much depressed, & our
way much closed up, from an apprehension that the minds of
too many are closed against receiving instruction from us, by
being built up in the belief, that they are of the elect, once in grace
always in grace, but there is a great difference amongst them,
some minds I believe, may be compared to the thirsty ground
readily receiving our testimony, wch affords some encouragement
at times. David Driver attended this meeting, & took us to his
Stronsa house ~~on the Island of Stronsa~~, we were comfortably accomodated
4th day 15th & kindly treated by him, & next morng had a meeting in his Barn,
Sunday wch proved an open comfortable one, then we took boat for Sanday
& enjoyed our dinner on deck. having provision with us, we held
4th day 15 a meeting in a Barn wch was large, & I trust to many it was a good
5th 16 one, we had also a meeting at Newark on another part of the
Island, the fore part of it felt trying, but Truth at length to make
its way, & I hope we were favoured with a solemn covering at last.
16 We were next rowed over to North Ronaldsha, but after we
had gone a few miles on the Sea, a mist came on & we lost sight of all the
Islands, & had no compass on board, the Helmsman, an old
Sailor gave up his post, & for a while our situation appeared
a little awful, not knowing but that we might be driven
out to Sea, however it was calm, & we were enabled to
repose our trust in the great Pilot, who conducted us safe;

1818 this preservation called forth feelings of gratitude. we
5th day 7/16 were kindly entertained by one Thos. Thompson. Leave
North was given for a meeting in their Kirk, some hundreds
6th day 17 Ronaldsha collected, & generally with their Bibles under their arms,
Wm & Rebecca Byrd both spoke, the latter largely, but I was
quite shut up, but believed it wd be right for me to request
another meeting in the morng, & notice was accordingly
given at the close. This is the most northerly of the Orkney
Islands, – The meeting was larger than we expected, & I
7th day 18 felt much openness to speak to them, but felt a fear of
saying too much, apprehending the doctrine was so new
to them, that they cd not take in much at once, Rebecca
appeared in supplication & the meetg closed in solemnity.
1st day 19 I felt a concern to stay over 1st day, on the morning of
which we had a meetg wch was a favoured season, in the af-
-ternoon we had another wch was also relieving to me, & I
trust was a time of instruction to some present, soon after
Sunday we took Boat & got safely across to the Island Sanday ~~the principal Island~~
~~Pomona or Main Land~~, & were thankful that we had now
got over the most trying part of our travels upon the
watery element, & also for the favours extended whilst there.
20th On 2d Day we held a meeting in a Barn on Sanday ~~Westness~~, abt.
2 Miles from Scar, it was comfortable, the Truth being in
a good degree of dominion. Another meeting was held
in Peter Gore's Barn wch also was satisfactory. Rebecca

1818 feeling a desire to have another meeting before we left the
Island wch was pretty well attended, & some serious minds
present, this was the 6th meeting we had on Sunday. We
Sunday have had to lament whilst being amongst these people, in
observing their views so much outward, but we endeavor
to labour honestly with them according to ability, as to the
effect produced we must leave to Him who alone can give
the increase, & I secretly crave that a blessing may attend.
Eda We next visited the Island of Eda & had a meeting in a Mill,
wch was crowded & a very favoured one. Then went to the other
end of the Island & had another Meetg in a Kirk, several came
who had been at the former, & it was large & satisfactory.
Westra We then crossed to the Island of Westra, & had a meetg in a
Barn in the morng & also another in the Evening, both well
attended, & I trust graciously owned by divine goodness.
Papa Westra We next went to Papa Westra & had a meeting wch was much
larger than we expected, & it proved comfortable, then we retd
to Westra & had a meetg for the whole of the Island, it was large,
attended & a good one, we took leave of them affectionately &
Eaglesha took boat for Eaglesha Island, & when we landed it was
raining & were glad to get into the first house wch belonged to
a person whom we had seen at Shapandsha & was kind to us
but who was not at home, an old woman was sitting in
the Kitchin who spoke crosly to us abt travelling on
what she called the Lord's Day, saying it was against the

1818 commands of scripture both of the old & new Testament, we endeavored to convince her to the contrary, but to little purpose, bit was a long time before she wd agree to let us remain all night in the house, she seemed afraid we sh. take any thing from her, at length she consented to let us have a fire in a room up stairs wch. had been used as a school Room where we passed the night chearfully, altho' we got but little rest. In the morng we took Boat for Rousa Island where we had a meeting in a Barn in the most populous part, I thot the Truth arose & solemnized some of their spirits, this was also I trust in degree the case at a meeting held on Eaglesha, the preceding Island we were on, wch. was crowded. We took Boat for Eva a place on Mainland & were very kindly recd & accomodated at a private house, like an english one, we were truly thankful for this, as we were very weary, & next morng had a large & satisfactory Meetg in a Barn belonging to this family, after this we went to Kirkwall & rested, ~~after which we went~~ there to Ferra Island, & had a meetg with about 30 persons wch. was comfortable, & the people appeared grateful for the visit, we returned to Kirkwall & had a meeting in the morng, the house not quite full, but it proved a solid Meeting, after which we took an affec. leave of our kind frds. at Kirkwall, & went to Firth abt. 5 or 6 miles to a meetg where we had a large company bit proved on the whole satisfactory: At Thurso we had two meetings on 1st Day

Rousa Island

Eva

Ferra Island

1818 held in a warehouse, both well attended & seasons of divine favour, the people evinced great love & openness towards us.

On 2d Day morng took Boat for a small Island called Gream

Greamsby Island } Greamsby where we got the people collected in a Barn abt. 100 mesent bit proved a comfortable Meeting. Then went to Hoy Is-

Hoy Island } -land, the evening was wet, but we held a meetg with the peo-

-ple, it was not large but quiet & satisfactory, after which we took Boat for the Island of Flota, when we landed, the people

Flota Island } seemed pleased to see us, but we had to walk abt. 2 miles to a place suitable for a meeting, the people to the number of abt. 50, readily collected bit proved a lively comfortable season.

Longhope we next went to Longhope, & had a meetg, the house was filled we all took a part in the service, & at the close I was en-

-gaged to supplicate for the people in the Islands we had visited as well as for those present, also giving thanks for the favours & preservations extended to us by Sea & Land, & for the strength afforded for the exercise of the Day, craving a continuance thereof, & a blessing on our feeble efforts.

We have visited 16 Islands, & have had 41 Meetings, & travelled in Orkney 298 miles

* After this we retd into Scotland by crossing Pentland Firth, & got well over, altho' we were somewhat afraid our Boat being leaky, however we felt thankful that we had got over safely. — I felt desirous to have a meeting at Huna but another place on the road, Rebecca being weary & feeling nothing towards those places, Wm & she rested. T. Christy

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1818 & Jos. McDermid accompanied me, at the first place the Dirk
Bell was rung & the people came out, I suppose between 100 &
200, I felt stripped without my companions, but strength was
mercifully afforded to labour honestly among them & it was
Huna a favoured meeting. Then went to Huna & had a meeting
near it, wch was largely attended, I felt exceedingly stripped
before meeting & my spirit ready to sink, having no female
companion, but Capt. Maitland's Wife a tender spirited wo-
man sat by me & Thelieve sympathized with me, her company
was really a strength to me, I was soon furnished with matter
wch flowed freely towards the people & it was truly a good
Meeting, & I hope the precious testimony of Truth was in
some degree exalted, the parson & his wife were at the Meetg.
& staid with us at Capt. Sutherland's till we left, I retd
to my companions with a thankful heart. After this
we proceeded on thro' Scotland, on our way to Forres, we
held a meetg at a place where some hundreds collected &
it proved a good Meeting, the Truth arising into a precious
Forres degree of dominion. At Forres had a crowded Meeting in
the Mason's Lodge, & I thot considerably favoured, some of the
Gentry paid us a visit, & were invited to breakfast, but d
not accept it, as we were going off early, they sent us two
Elgin brace of Birds. — Our next meetg was at Elgin in a Me-
thodist M. House, the people came out readily & it was
a comfortable Meeting. Then we went to Fackebers to a

1818 meeting held in the Town's house, many appeared solid.
Keith At Keith we held a meeting to satisfaction, next at
Huntley Huntley the meet. was held in the Mason's Lodge crowded,
Terrif it proved a refreshing season, then to Terrif held in the
Town's hall a good Meet. We proceeded on to Peterhead
& had a meet. but not large, had also a meeting at a place
called Ellon wch. proved a favoured season, next at a
place near the sea called Collieston we had a large meet. with the
fishermen & others wch. was satisfactory. We went forward
to Kinnuck to the house of our frd Amos Wigham, it
felt very comfortable to get back amongst our frds again
having been 9 weeks deprived of this privilege. We
Newburg went to Newburg near the sea to a meet. held in a Meth-
-dist's M. House the people had short notice but came out
remarkably. it was a favoured Meeting. Returned to
Kinnuck Kinnuck, & on 1st Day morn. attended their Meet., it was
small only abt. 18 grown up persons belong to it, & not quite
so many children, some of the former are such as I believe
adorn their profession. — In the evening we held a meet.
for the neighbours, the house full, but some of the people
very light in their behavior. We rested on 2d Day in the
quiet retreat of Amos & Barbara Wigham, who were truly
Inverarey kind. In the evening had a meet. at Inverarey wch. was
a comfortable one, one man who was light & airey in the
fore part of the meet., was seen to weep after. Next

1818 morning went to Old Meldrum to a public meeting, well
attended & favoured, dined at Eliz. Gleeny's a daughter
of John Wigham's, now a widow, has a son & 2 nice daughters,
they seem to live comfortably, we then went to John Cruik-
-shank's, Bar. Wigham's Brother, & had the company of his
valued Mother 80 years of age, who appears a precious lively
spirited woman, very sympathizing. Attended a Meeting at
Fatoun Fatoun, satisfactory, held in the Town's Hall, returned to
Amos Wigham's with feelings of gratitude. 4th Day Morng
Kinnuck attended their week day meeting w.ch proved comfortable, pre-
-vious to which we had a precious opp.y in Am's family,
I was drawn forth to supplicate on behalf of them bus-
Kintore We next went to Kintore & had a meeting w.th the people
to satisfaction for which I feel thankful, we then went
forward to Aberdeen & quartered at Jane Cruikshank's,
Aberdeen John Wigham & his wife soon joined us & were all very
kind. Attended the week-day Meeting here, 2 men & 7 women
only belong to it, who were all present, some passages of
scripture opened in a way I had never before seen them,
& as I expressed them, I felt peaceful, my companions
also spoke, & what was said I think tended to the encourage-
-ment of our dear elder friends. At my request a meeting
was held in the Evening for the Sailors, & altho' small, it
was I think, much favoured towards the close, w.ch was cause
of gratitude. We also had another meeting for the people

1818 generally wch. I hope was in degree favoured, but the people
Old were very restless. We next had a meeting in Old Aberdeen
Aberdeen in an Assembly Room wch. was pretty quiet, & considerable
strength afforded for Labour. — We next attended the Meeting
of Ministers & Elders previous to the General Meet. for Scotland
held in the house of Jno. Eliz. Wigham, to which Jos. Jno. Gurney
& his sister Elizabeth Fry came, who both appeared in supplic-
-ation, but the answering of the Queries produced trying feel-
-ings, exception on acct. of poor Geo. Miller, I did not believe it
right for him to continue a member of this meeting. Next
day attended the General Meeting.

& after a sweet opp.y in Jane Crinkshank's family we took an
affectionate leave of our Aberdeen friends, Jno. Wigham was
very encouraging to me at parting wch. cheared me, we pro-
-ceeded thro' a pleasant country, it felt to me like a day of
release from exercise, we enjoyed each others society in free
conversation most of the way, after we had dined, I was en-
-deavouring to get a little sleep in the Carriage, but as I was
verging towards it, a song of praise was begotten in my heart
wch. aroused me quite up, & was permitted for awhile to enjoy
Cowperhaugh it. We travelled abt. 72 miles to a place called Cowperhaugh
where we held a meet. in the Masons' Lodge, abt. 70 persons present
& I hope it was a satisfactory time. We then went on to Perth,

1818 Perth

& had a meeting in a Methodists Chapel, much larger than we expected, a solemn covering spread over us, & we had cause for gratitude for the help extended both immediately & instrumentally. At the close of the Day, my family at home have been sweetly brot. to my remembrance, in a way which I could not but admire, & the prayer of my heart for each hath been, that He who hath mercifully preserved, would continue so to do, that the guardian Angel of his Presence wd surround my dear husband & children, how animating is the belief that we are under the care of the Shepherd of Israel, who neither slumbereth nor sleepeth. — We proceeded on our

Sterling

way to Sterling, & held a meeting in the Guild Hall, a large company soon collected, it was for awhile very exercising but proved comfortable, being enabled to get thro' the service beyond expectation. Rebecca also spoke at considerable length. We then went forward to Glasgow & quartered at Anthony Wigham's. Whilst here I felt impressed with the belief that it wd be right for me to go to Greenock & try to get a meet with the Seamen there, Wm & Reb Byrd being both unwell, Ant Wigham & Gr. Mcdermid accompanied me,

Greenock

we went down the Clyde in a Steam Boat. The meeting was held in the Mason's Lodge, I suppose 600 persons present, a good proportion Sailors, & I think it was a very favoured Meeting, supplication was offered, accompanied with thanksgiving for the continuation of the blessing of Peace, & also for

1818 the blessing of a plentiful harvest. The follow^g Morning
Glasgow we rot^d to Glasgow, & on 1st Day attended meet^g there, dinner
not friends came in & it was a pretty open time, & different
states were addressed. In the evening some of the neighbours
were invited, & was tolerably large. ~~In the~~ After supper had
an opp^y with some young persons who came in. Next morn^g
before we left had a solemn opp^y with A. & M. Wigham, & then
New Lanark set off for New Lanark, & had a meet^g, people belonging the
manufactory bothers attended, but it was not large. We
went next to Alnwick & had a meet^g with the two families
of fr^ds settled here. In the afternoon proceeded to Carlisle
& met my husband at Longtown to our mutual comfort,
Carlisle at Carlisle we quartered at Thos. Stordy's, & the following
Evening had a public meet^g there largely attended & fa-
-voured. Next morn^g being joined by Alice Head who had
accompanied my husband from Sunderland with the in-
-tention of going with me thro' Cumberland, we went to the
Solport meeting at Solport, wch was a trying one, the language arose,
"By whom shall Jacob arise" bewlanging to the subject, I
Kirklington felt my mind somewhat relieved. Then went to Kirklington
meet^g where we were a little encouraged by the company
Carlisle of some lively spirited friends, we rot^d to Carlisle, & found
some fr^ds had come to see us, & after supper had an encourag-
Scotby -ing opp^y. On 7th Day went to Scotby meet^g wch proved
agreeable. Called on several fr^ds & had an opp^y in one family.

1818 Retd to Carlisle, & soon after set off for Wigton, & went to the
school to Tea & had a meetg with the scholars. Next morning
Wigton 1st Day, attended meeting at Wigton, it was their prep. Meeting
in which three small ones unite. It was a very trying time,
little to be felt for sometime, they were however laboured with
closely & in love. — In the Evening the neighbours were
invited, & altho' the meetg was not large it was a very favoured
Moorhouse one. — The next meetg was at Moorhouse wch was I trust a
lively one, encouragement was handed to some, & others called
Beckfoot upon to arise & work. At Beckfoot were pretty many ~~who~~
at meetg, but it was an exercising one, few among them re-
Allenby - ally like friends, we next went to Allenby, many not frds
coming in made the meetg pretty large, bt proved more com
-fortable than some others we attended, called on an afflicted
family for whom we felt much, & had an opp.y with them.
Maryport Next meetg was Maryport wch consisted chiefly of women,
it seemed my place to extend the language of encouragemt
to the mourners, believe there were some present, bt was a
tendering season. In the evening a public meetg was held, pretty
large & favoured, after close exercise & labour, my mind was
covered with thankfulness. ~~Next next to Jno Hall's at~~
~~Broughton, attended the Mo: Meetg there, at which we had the com-~~
~~-pany of J Gurney & E Fry~~ Attended the Mo: Meetg at Maryport
wch J Gurney & E Fry also attended, it was a lively meeting,
after the men & women separated, I felt a weight of exercise

1818 on my mind towards the men, I proposed paying them a visit, E Fry united in it, it was a relief & opp.y to me, J J Gurney

Maryport also visited the women's meet.g, a door of utterance was abund-antly opened, & a door of entrance appeared equally so, it seemed like a solemn feast. We called upon some fr.ds & had a religious opp.y with them. After this we went to John Hall's at Broughton. — Attended the select Mo: Meet.g at

Gray-southen Graysouthen, it seemed my business to exhort to faithfulness & I think a feeling of good was over us. Also attended a public meet.g at this place, J J Gurney & E Fry present & fellow labourers in the work, it was a comfortable Meet.g. Lodged at Jno Fletcher's was pleased with his company as well as with the rest of his family. Next went to a meet.g at Broughton, labour was extended, but there seemed a want of Life among

Whitehaven them. Whitehaven was our next place, attended their Meet.g on 1st Day morn.g, I am afraid things are low amongst them, altho' there seemed something to encourage, we took Tea at a fr.ds of the name of Nicholson, their relatives, Tho.s & Eliza-beth Nicholson being present from Spring field & several others, we had a short opp.y with them, encouraging them to look to the standard of Truth & press after it. The public Meet.g in the evening was large, it was tho.t abt. 1000 people were collected, I went to it in great fear w.ch is always the case, especially when the weight has to rest upon me singly, least the cause of Truth should suffer, these are sacrifice

1818 wch. continue to feel to be of a nervous trying nature, but I desire to be preserved from shrinking from any service however painful to the natural part wch. is in the ordering of Him who

Whitehaven has a right to appoint to each of His servants their work, the meeting was favoured by many frds. expressed their satisfaction. Had an oppy at G. Miller's afterwards, several

Pardsaw-hall. friends being present. Next morng went to Pardsaw-hall under feelings of gratitude, we had a better attendance of friends than I expected at Meeting, but it seemed rather a low time. Next day were at the Mo. Meeting at this place wch. was a time of painful & close exercise, it felt to be my place to express some close things in the first meeting & more so in the second, having, as I apprehended it laid upon me to go into the men's meeting, a mortifyng sacrifice, I durst not but speak what arose in my mind, altho' I was so ignorant of the state of things amongst them, that I almost feared I was wrong, however I was enabled to relieve my mind comfortably, & to feel the reward of Peace. I was informed by different frds. that I had had a right feeling, wch. was encouragement to me to trust in Him, who will not suffer those who do so, to be confounded. We called upon some frds. who were indisposed, & had two religious opportunities. The follow'g morn'g went to Cockermouth to a meeting with friends, & there being a funeral, it was large & relieving to me, particularly as a number of the people of the Town were present whom I

1818 wished to see. — I attended the Qu: Meeting at Cockermouth
wch. was a time of deep exercise, but best help has been afforded
to obtain a comfortable degree of relief, but not without
Cockermouth submitting to go into the men's meeting, a mortifying thing.
I was ready to say "Let this bitter cup pass from me, but was
not very easy to attain to that state, to be able to say "Not
my will, but thine be done". We had a sweet parting opportunity
at Deb. Robinson's several frds. being present, b then went to
Gillfoot a meeting at Gillfoot, many assembled but it proved a
time of great exercise on acct. of some whom I believed
had departed from what they once knew, it seemed right
to endeavour earnestly to plead with some of that de-
scription. After meeting we found that poor Geo: Bewley
was there wch. I did not know when at meeting, b there are
others in that meeting to whom those things might apply.
We went next to Penrith, our ride was pleasant b the day
Penrith fine, but I think I may say, that in almost every place, Bonds
b afflictions await, b the exercise wch. is felt on behalf of In-
dividuals is not very easily cast off, b when the mind is
under oppression, there is not much liberty for enjoying
pleasant scenes. On 7th Day morng. went to the meeting at
Terrill Terril, it was small, b as exercising as some larger ones, I had
to labour a little amongst them, dined at John Rees, my mind
was brot. under great concern for his family b had an opportunity
with them, in which I experienced relief. We also visited Thomas

1818 Wilkinson who was very kind & interesting. Poor Jn.d Lee
is much tried with the conduct of some of his children, but
Penrith I believe he is alive in the Truth, we rec.d to Penrith, next
Day, being the first, were at their meet.g pretty large, I suppose
abt. 20 families belong to it, things felt low at first, but I hope
the Truth arose into a considerable degree of dominion.
A meeting for the Inhabitants was held in the Evening, the
house was crowded, after I began to speak it felt for a time
hard work, & I was almost ready to lose faith, but by keeping
to the opening, strength of body & mind increased, the people
were exceeding still, & a solemn covering spread over us.
Before we left Penrith we had an agreeable opp.y with Eliz.
Ritson & her sister Han. Walker &c. Next went to a meet.g at
Moreland w.ch was a long time, before leav.g the place we had
Moreland an opp.y with Jn.o Thompson's family, T. Thompson of Appleby
& some of his family were present, this proved relief.g to me &
I hope acceptable to them. From this place we went to Sed-
-berg & got there with some difficulty, the distance being great
& the road bad, we quartered at T. Cudforth's & were kindly ac-
-comodated. We went to the Mo: Meeting in Cent, an open com-
-fortable meeting, Simon Parker told me, he was pleased
with our company at meet.g, w.ch I thot was a little encouraging.
We went next to a meeting in Garsdale, 60 or 70 persons present
a few of them not friends, it was I think an awakening sea-
-son & many were much tendered, a fr.d had brot us our dinner

1818 in a basket abt. a mile & produced it after meeting, this we
Garsdale broke bread outwardly, & I hope before we had done it in another
way. — We had a public meeting at Sedberg wch. proved comfort-
Sedberg able & relieving, at the close friends were desired to stop, & I ex-
pressed what was on my mind to them. We went next to Ken-
Kendal dal, where we found dear Mr. & Reb: Byrd engaged in a family
Greyrig visit, as we came here we had a meetg at Greyrig very poor.
Attended the 2n. Meeting of Ministers & Elders at Kendal, much
advice was handed, amongst the rest I ventured to say a little
wch. afforded some relief. Next Day was the 2n: Meeting at
large, & when concluded, we bent our course home-
wards taking the 2n. Meeting at Newcastle, wh
where I met my husband & many other dear Re-
latives & friends, & after it was over, returned home
in Peace, & found all well.

1818 Whilst in Scotland I felt my mind impressed to address the Inhabitants of the Island of Stroma, wch John Wigham got printed & forwarded to them, ~~as follows~~ vizt

Dear Friends / It perhaps will appear a little singular to you to be addressed in this way, by an entire stranger, but I may inform you, that I am of a company of the Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, who lately visited several of the Orkney Islands, in performing — which we had no worldly or interested motives, but from an apprehension of religious duty, & the feeling of gospel Love, we were induced to visit the people, & to hold meetings for worship with them, & as ability might be afforded, to endeavor to encourage them in following that which is good. And altho' we did not visit your Island, my Heart has been & continues to be filled with desires for your welfare, that you may be happy whilst here, & prepared when you leave this world to enjoy eternal felicity. And there is no other way of becoming so, but by a devotion of heart to the service of God, in attending to the teachings of his grace, which according to apostolic doctrine, hath appeared unto all men; or in other words, to the Light of Christ in the conscience, "the true Light wch enlightneth every man that cometh into the world". None therefore who are capable of serious reflection, can be strangers to this Light, or Grace of God wch

1818 bringeth salvation, it is this wch. secretly reproves for
evil, & makes it manifest, for the Apostle says "Whatsoever
doth make manifest is light", it discovers unto man what
his thoughts are, convinces him of sin, produces peace for
doing well, & sorrow & remorse for doing evil. We read that
the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal
Life thro' Jesus Christ our Lord, & this gift of God, this
Light of Christ in our consciences, when believed in & obeyed,
produces good thoughts, & thence proceed good words & actions,
& thus Christ becomes our Light & our Leader. Our Lord
said to his followers "Peace I leave with you, my Peace I
give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you",
& those who follow Him, are the only truly happy people,
even in this world, & for such He will prepare a place of
rest, that they may enjoy with Him, their dear Redeemer, a
glorious immortality. Suffer me then, tho' personally un-
known, in gospel love, to encourage you to keep near this
heavenly Light, wch. assuredly gives power to overcome all
sin, for Christ gave himself for us, that He might redeem
us from all iniquity. Permit me affectionately & ear-
nestly to caution you against the improper use of spiri-
-tuous Liquors, wch. is injurious, to both body & mind, occasions
a waste of time & money, frequently produces quarreling &
disturbs the peace & comfort of families & neighbourhoods,
how many evil & wicked things are committed by persons

1818 overcome with strong drink, how many idle words are spoken by them, and it is expressly said in the scriptures of Truth, that "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an acct. thereof in the day of Judgment" which is an awful consideration. Drunkenness is no excuse for the commission of Iniquity, because it is itself a great evil, therefore committing sin when intoxicated is adding sin to sin. And surely the Lord, the righteous Judge will be displeased with those who indulge themselves in such things, for it is written, "Vengeance will be taken on them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." But let such turn their hearts unto God with desires for preservation, let them remember the encouraging language of the Psalmist "With the Lord there is mercy, & with Him is plenteous redemption", therefore "let the wicked forsake his way, & the unrighteous man his thoughts, & let him return unto the Lord, & he will have mercy upon him, & to our God, for He will abundantly pardon". I wou'd recommend to you all, the diligent reading of the holy scriptures, & when so engaged, you may sincerely desire, to be favoured with a measure of the same spirit by which they were given forth, that your understandings may be enlightened, so as to comprehend them, & then you would know, that they are able to make wise unto salvation, thro' faith wch. is in Christ Jesus, & being careful to do as they direct, even to live good lives

1818 your end will be happy, having the hope of eternal sal-
-vation, for the work of righteousness shall be Peace, & the
effect of righteousness, quietness & assurance for ever.

I conclude this address with the apostolic exhortation,
"Finally, my brethren, whatsoever things are honest, what-
-soever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, what-
-soever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good
Report, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise,
think on these things, & do them, & the God of Peace shall
be with you. Elizabeth Robson

Aberdeen 30th of 8th Mo: 1818.

Omitted in the preceding Acct.

* See page 150.

On 7th Day ( ) we had a meeting at Castleton abt. 5 miles
Castleton from Thurso, abt. 100 present & it proved comfortable, we then
ret^d to Thurso, & had two Meetings, being 1st Day, both crowded,
Thurso the first particularly satisfactory, we were invited to the house
of Capt. Henderson, two of Sir John Sinclair's daughters being
there, I found my mind drawn to address them, it was a com-
-fortable season. On 2^d Day morning we left for Wick, but on the
way we stoped & had a meeting with a few people in a Barn, &
altho' a small gathering, a solemn feeling attended, we then
went on 17 miles to Swiney Inn, & had a meeting a number of
people residing about, yet few came, but we sat awhile with them
Dunbeath then went to Dunbeath where was a fair into which we went,
we sat down together on a seat, & our men fr^ds endeavoured to

1818 collect the people, & many came & stood around us, one after
Dunbeath another had something to express what was on our minds to
them, R Byrd appeared in supplication, some appeared solid &
attentive, I felt inclined to go into another part of the fair,
the people were very busy, but on my telling them, that we had
come several hundred miles to see the people in those parts,
& requesting them to be silent awhile, they suspended their
business pretty much, I endeavoured to clear my mind, & we
then left them, it was a trying engagement. Having for some
days before this felt poor & stripped, & altho' ability had been af-
forded in some degree to advocate the glorious cause in the
different meetings we had held, after their termination I felt as poor as
before, & ruminating on these things, it occurred to me, what a
forsaken state our blessed Redeemer was in, whilst yet clothed
with the shackles of humanity, & bearing the agonizing death
of the cross, that if He who was performing this great Act, in
finishing that great work, was thus left without sensible en-
joyment of his divinity, to feel the sufferings of humanity,
must not those, who are endeavouring to be His followers, ex-
pect to be brot. to a degree of the same experience, even that
of ~~divine~~ desertion of divine enjoyment, when endeavoring
to do the will of Him whom they desire to serve, consonant with
what our blessed Lord expressed to some, "Ye shall indeed drink
of the cup which I drink of, & be baptized with the baptism
wch. I am baptized with". We went forward to Dornoch & had

1818 a meet[g] in a large Room, & altho' the Galic language is spoken here & pretty much thro' the Highlands, yet I hope a great part

Dornoch of the people wd understand what we said, & something, I trust, attended wth wd be felt by them & help to solemnize their minds.

Tain We went forward to Tain & had a meet[g] in the Mason's Lodge, wch was large, & some serious looking persons present, others appeared light & airy, strangers to our Principles, & I fear to the cross of Christ, & to their best interest & greatest happiness even in the world, something was expressed to such states, I hope not without

Invergordon out some effect. After this meet[g] we went to Invergordon & held a meeting in an inclosed place something like a yard, many people assembled & behaved well, the testimony of Truth appeared to prevail & was I trust in good measure exalted. We proceeded forward & my mind was favoured with a sweet covering, & the morn[g] being very fine contributed to make things look pleasant, yet I remembered the wormwood & the gall, & was humbled within me, I was impressed with the necessity of praising with fear, & rejoicing with trembling. ~~We proceeded onto Cadcastle where I met my husband to our matrimonial comfort, also Alexr Head who came with my husband~~

Cumbertrees ~~to accompany us thro Cumbertrees & we were at most if not all the Meet[gs] of Friends within that Q.M. & had some public meetings, after which we attended the Qu. Meet[g] at Renton, from whence we went to the Qu. Meet[g] at Newcastle where I met my husband & many dear Relatives, & after it, returned home.~~

1819 E Robson's Journey thro' the Southern Counties &c in company with Mary Marriage in the year 1819.

My husband accompanied me after the Meetg to sunday meetgs in Essex, & after the 2nd. Meeting at Colchester he retd home, the separation seemed ready to sink my spirits, however the kindness of my friends helped to chear me. From this place I was joined by my dear frd Mary Marriage who was a true yoke fellow & every way an agreeable companion. We went from this place to Harwich to a public meetg, a number of friends going with us, it was much crowded & an open time; M. Marriage had good service, we had next a meetg in a Barn at Oatley, the people came out readily, & it was satisfactory, many appeared much affected. In the evening had a meetg at Kirby, it was a time of close exercise & labour. It was very grateful to see frds so ready to assist on those occasions, we were 13 in company. I feel for the expence those meetings occasion, but they tell me it is nothing to friends. Had a meeting next at Clackton in a large nicely fit up Room, it was well filled, & many went away, my mind was brot. under great exercise, but as I waited in resignation under a sense of strippedness & poverty, help was afresh extended, & renewed ability given to address different states, great stillness prevailed, dear M. M. addressed them sweetly, & the people seemed well satisfied, frds did not know that a meeting had ever been held at this place before, of this kind. Retd to Colchester & attended their 1st Day morng meeting wch was an exercising one,

Colchester
Harwich
Oatley
Kirby
Clackton
Colchester

1819 after it, feeling a concern particularly for Doctor Barker, we got an oppty at Thomas Catchpool's, he surely has brot. himself into great difficulty by marrying out, & he seems to feel it closely.

Colchester we endeavoured to encourage him to faithfulness & humility, he took our visit very kindly. — We had a very large public meetg in the evening, several things opened in my mind, yet it seemed hard work to get through, but was favoured at length to do so, my dr companion is an excellent help to me. After meeting we stepped in to Jns. Gripper's, several frds. followed, & we had a tendering time together, I believe here is a precious ly visited number in those parts, I long that we may be strengthened rightly to administer food to the dif. states, & to water the pure seed.

We went from hence to Ipswich & quartered at Dykes Alex-

Ipswich anders. The 2nd. Meeting of Ministers & Elders was held in the evening, I was impressed with the language of the Apostle, & ventured to express it "Be stedfast, immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord &c" this proved relief to my mind.

The 2nd. Meeting at large was a very favoured one, many frds. spoke in it, amongst the rest I had a little to do. The women's meetg was also very agreeable. — On 4th Day attended week-day meeting here, & obtained comfortable relief, Saml Alexander expressed his gratitude for the favour extended at that time, we called on sundry frds. after, & went with S. Alexander to his son Samuel's, who has a large family of children, & dined with them, we had a religious oppty, dear M. M. appeared in sup.

1819 plication, & I was led in an encouraging way to Saml. & his
Wife, desiring their full surrender to manifested duty, that
they might become redeemed from the world & its spirit, &
particularly that there might be a disposition in the son to
follow the footsteps of the Father; & my mind being brot. into
sympathy with dear Samuel senr., I had to address him,
Ipswich as a Father in the Church, the language of encouragement
flowed freely, wch. he seemed to receive gratefully, altho' from
a child, it was a contriting opply to visitors & visited. In the
evening we had a large public meetg for the Seamen & others,
at first I felt low & tried, at length was drawn forth in suppli-
cation, & soon followed in testimony, after a time I sat down,
supposing as there were many ministers present, some wd
have to take a part, but that not being the case, I stood up a
second time, & addressed the Seamen particularly, wch. seemed
to have a tendering effect on the meeting. Saml Alexander
expressed a desire, that what had been said might have
due place in their minds, & with a small addition the
meeting closed. — Before we left Ipswich we visited Bykes
Alexander's Wife who was confined to her Room, we soon dropped
into silence wch. was truly sweet & solemn, dear MM. had a very
encouraging communication to her, & I felt the language of
supplication raised in my mind on her behalf, & Bykes just
then coming in, I felt it also on his acct., & it was a truly con-
-triting season. We rtd to Colchester & after remaining awhile

1819 Copford Coggeshal Earls Colne

me set off for Copford to a small meetg, & from thence to Coggeshal to Isaac Brightwen's to lodge, next day attended their meetg where we found some lively spirited friends. In the afternoon went to Earls Colne, called on several friends & attended their small meeting, poor blow. Next meeting

Bocking

was Bocking, a few simple hearted frds belong to it. Went

Kelvedon

next to Kelvedon Meeting on 1st Day Morg, it was larger than we expected, deep wading seemed needful for a season, before ability was given rightly to minister, & I hope the Truth was in a good degree of dominion, we dined at Mary Proud's her daughter Rachel & Mary Alexander are a part of her family, it was pleasant being under their Roof. In the Evening had a public meeting, the house full, but when I got set, I felt so poor & stripped, that I begun to think I sld have nothing to say, but after feeling a total inability to do any thing, a renewal of strength was given in which I begun to speak, & was greatly helped beyond expectation, & much solemnity prevailed, & I tho't I was unusually assisted in prayer at the conclusion. Jno. Kinsey sat by me & said, he was glad he had been there, Mary Proud expressed her approbation, & I was humbled & thankful. Next Morg we had a precious opptyg { } Kinsey present bespoke encouragingly, wherein the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace was sweetly enjoyed, this was like a brook by the way. We next attended

Halstead

meeting at Halstead, where we found some valuable friends,

1819 & it was an open comfortable season. We next were at Meetg
at Stebbing, Dunmow & Felsted friends were invited to it, &
Stebbing I suppose were mostly present, I trust the great Master was
pleased to make himself known amongst us, by the breaking of
Bread. In the Evening a public meeting was held & pretty large
& I trust was much favoured, lodged at Saml. Jasper's. In the
morng went to a public meetg at Felsted, held in a Barn, it was
Felsted a laborious but comfortable meetg, we called upon a widow
who lent us the Barn & had a sweet opportyy with her & her son. Our
next meetg was at Dunmow in the evening for the Inhabitants,
Dunmow help was mercifully afforded, light arose out of obscurity, & my
mind was for a time sweetly comforted in silence wch. I was
afraid to break, but the command "Be still & know that I am
God," rested on my mind with which I begun, great solemnity
prevailed & the meetg concluded with supplication. At this
meetg was Steincoff, the Secretary to the Bible Society in London,
he supped with us, he is truly a pious man, we had a religious
opportyy, & he appeared sweetly in supplication for the family & us
all, & it was with me to follow him in a short one, & we sepe-
-rated under uniting feelings of that Love wch. binds together
in one common interest for the good of all, & the spreading of
the precious cause of Truth, those of different religious denominations.
After breakfast at Dunmow I felt something towards Bollice
Clayton & his Wife, then the children separately, & afterwards the
Shopmen. — It was the Mo: Meetg at Witham that Day, we took

1819 at it pretty closely, but feeling no draft to go; we thot we might safely omit it, b we had reason afterwards to see, that it is good to attend to that direction, wch is restrictive as well as impulsive. We went to Chelmsford to dine, after which went

Malden to Malden, took Tea at Robt Alsop's, attended their meetg wch was small, our business in part seemed to be to chear the drooping ones. — We went to Holme Mill, where Ma. Marriage's Son resides, b in the morng had a sweet opportunity together, after which we went to Thos Marriage's to dine, b to Chelmsford to Tea, dear James Birch was at his Daughters (Ma. Marriage's) a very precious old Man indeed. On 7th Day Evening we had a public meeting at Bada a village near, pretty large. b in a considerable

Chelms-ford degree relieving. On 1st Day morng were at Chelmsford Meeting wch was very trying to me, here are many weights b burdens, al-tho' their appearance was very favourable, but by honest labour I obtained comfortable relief. Reb. Christy said, she was rejoiced at what had been expressed, b she cd have fallen on her knees to have retd thanks, if ability had been given, she having visited families there some time before, she was acquainted with the state of friends. We went from hence to the Evening meeting at Plaistow wch was put off till ½ past 6 at our re-

Plaistow-quest, we were well satisfied with the meetg, the forepart was a time of consolation, b something was afterwards communicated wch seemed to make its way. Spent a pleasant evening at Plaches. On 2d Day morng breakfasted at Saml. Gurney's,

1819 who was truly kind. After which we went to London to attend the meetg of Ministers & Elders, where I obtained comfortable relief by expressing what was on my mind

London 3rd day, attended the Qu. Meetg for London & Middlesex bwere under great exercise, but obtained some relief; I believed it right to go into the men's meeting wch. when proposed, was readily agreed to, Alice Chorley & Patience Meser accompanied us, I was enabled to speak encouragingly to some, bwery closely to others, this was a concern wch. I had felt at times for some years towards the members of that meeting, yet after all the sacrifice I had made in giving up to this trying service, I came away too soon, feeling a little more towards the young men, however as it was not wilful disobedience, I hope it was overlooked, b it was better than overdoing it. In the evening I felt a degree of humble rejoicing, & truly thankful for the help afforded. Alice Chorley expressed her satisfaction in going with us into the men's meetg, saying the

Staines gospel had been preached. — We went to Staines to Dr Ashley's, in the morng had an oppy in the family, much expressed to the young people, b the eldest son appearing to be on the wing, engaged my attention bwe both particularly addressed him, the mother ~~to~~ told us how much she was satisfied with what was said to her son, b she seemed comforted with the opportunity altogether. — From hence we went to Alton abt. 30 miles to the Qu. for Dorset & Hants, the Meetg of Ms & Es was

1819 small only 3 Men & 5 Women. Thomas Speakman & Eliz. & Mary
Townsend were present, we were favoured with a very comfort-
Alton. able feeling, & were introduced into sympathy with this small
number. Several Frds composing this meeting met out on religious
service, viz. Wm & Reb: Byrd at Norwich, & Wm Forster in the North,
& his wife confined at Plaistow. The meeting at large was rather
small, I was early engaged in vocal supplication, crave divi-
-ne assistance, & that food convenient might be administered,
to the different states, a time of silence succeeded, & I that I was
never more sensible of the sweet enjoyment of heavenly good,
in which my soul rejoiced in humble gratitude, & in a thankful
belief that we are not a forsaken people. Afterwards the tes-
-timony of Truth went forth pretty closely in tender counsel &
warning to some of the negligent, my dear companion & I that
was greatly favoured, & several other friends, it was indeed a
remarkable meeting, it seemed like a blessing being poured forth
until the cup was made to overflow, even more than there was
room to receive at that time, but would I hope afford refreshment
at a future season, thus the thirsty ground was abundantly
watered by Him who dealeth his blessings with a liberal
hand, I greatly admired how the precious feeling continued
thro' the women's meeting, but at the close the solemnity was I
that equal to the beginning. At our lodgings in the Evening
we had the company of a number of Frds Thos: Speakman
amongst the rest, he appears green in old age. — We went next

1819 to Southampton by way of Winchester, Jas Maddocks going
with us. The meeting at this place is small, perhaps not more
Southampton than 30 persons present on 1st Day morng, we thot there were some
honest hearted frds among them. We proceeded on to Portsmouth
stopped by the way at Gosport, when we arrived we found Jas
Portsmouth Nack & his niece there, & notice had been previously given
for a public meetg & the house was well filled, & I was soon
prepared to speak, & trust it was a favoured Meeting, here we
had a good supply of frds Tracts wch we distributed largely, the
people being anxious to get them. I omitted to say, that after
the 2nd: Meetg at Alton, we sat with frds of that particular Meetg
the followg Day, & had a public one in the evening, comfortable.
We visited at Portsmouth the few who meet together, one man
only a member, but some others have applied to be received, &
we had a tendering oppy with them. After this we crossed over
Isle of Wight to the Isle of Wight having several frds in company, we landed
at Ryde where we had a meetg in the evening, not large & rather
a discouraging one, yet I hope not ~~an~~ unprofitable. Our next
meetg was at a place called St Helens in a methodist M. House
wch was filled & proved a good meetg. Next was at Sharklin, pretty
well attended, I thot we were favoured with the precious savour
of Truth, several appeared well satisfied with the meetg, then
went to another part of the Island to a place called Niton &
had a meetg in a Cart-house wch was pretty well filled & the people behaved
well, & the mg was in degree relievg, but towards the close I felt something

1819 spring in my mind towards the Sailors, yet as I cd not clearly
see, that there were any there, I had not confidence in what opened
Isle of & broke up the meeting, thinking I was mistaken, but afterwards
Wight found there were several had been at meetg, but it was too late
to rectify the mistake, we handed some addresses to Seamen, but
I suffered for my omission & felt much tried, my dr. companion
endeavoured to encourage me, believ'g the omission wd be passed
by, but I still felt low, however after breakfast the follow'g morng
we were favoured together, & Ma: Marriage ministered to us from
the living spring to our refreshment & much to my consolation.
After this went to a distant part of the Island to a place called
Isle of Brixton & had a meetg in a Barn, many gay people came to it
Wight & behaved well, & thro' Gods help I was enabled to relieve my mind
pretty fully, & my dr. companions services also tended to do us
good, it is indeed a great comfort that we feel so nearly united
in the work. We next had a meetg at Yarmouth in a Court house
2 or 300 present, I was furnished with ability to speak to the people
& it was truly a good meetg, the power of Truth arose into precious
dominion. It is at times hard work preaching to the people & may
be compared to breaking up the fallow ground, but this evening it
was more like watering the seed already planted, the people were
unusually loving, thankfulness covered my spirit. On 1st Day
Isle of we had a meetg at Carisbrook & another at Newport, both very
Wight satisfactory, & at the close of the last, I was favoured with such
a sweet covering over my mind, that I thot it was enough, & it was

1819 sometime before I cd enter comfortably into conversation. On
2d Day we had a meeting at Cowes wch. proved very relieving and
comfortable, the people were some time in gathering, & on this
acct. I waited a considerable time, but when I was going to rise,
a young man got up & said, "he might say to his frds. in the Desk,
Isle of Wight (the place where we sat) as Cornelius said to Peter, "now therefore
we are all here present, to hear all things wch. are commanded
you of God, & I think it is said, that Peter began to speak imme-
-diately", & you wd much oblige the present company, if you
would do the same". This tried me for a while, keeping silent,
at length I explained a little of the nature of our worship, &
that I apprehended true worship did not consist in hearing
Isle of Wight with the outward Ear, & then went on (the people kept coming)
& I admired how matter arose with so much strength to speak,
the company became very large, & I was enabled to speak
to the dif: classes at considerable length, & it was I believe
a very precious meeting, M. M. silent but expressed much
satisfaction therewith. This was the last meeting we had on this
Island. — We retd to our Inn, the poor Landlady being un-
-der great affliction, her husband having died that Day, we
inclined to go into her room to see her, she took our visit kind,
& we left her I hope a little better, but what added to the dis-
-tress was, her husband has been a very drunken bad Man.
We crossed over to Southampton & had a public Meeting not
large but that acct. not fully relieving. We went next to

1819 to Basingstoke & sat with the few Frds. there, but several of
them appear very rich in outward things, but am afraid
they are neglecting the true Riches. I was reminded of the
Basingstoke state of Ephraim, when it was said, he had joined himself
unto Idols, & had to advert to it in my testimony, wch. was
trying, but altho' close things were spoken, it was under the
influence of that Love wch. would gather into the true fold,
& I thot the gathering Arm of the Shepherd of Israel was
felt to be near, dear M. Marriage appeared sweetly in
supplication, the Frds. were very kind, notwithstanding our
plain dealing, but we are so apt to cast things off, that I
sometimes am ready to conclude, that we labour in vain
Andover & spend our strength for nought. Went to Andover & sat
with the few Frds. there wch. was a more lively meeting than
some we have had. In the evening the neighbours were in-
-vited, & the house was well filled, silence continued for some
time, & the people were settled & quiet, my dr. companion ap-
-peared first wch. helped to open my way, & I was strengthened to
speak beyond expectation, the meeting closed comfortably.
We went from hence to Salisbury where there are but few
friends, & were afraid not much life amongst them, we called
on several, & had a refreshing opty in one family, then we
went to Fordingbridge to the house of our worthy Frd. James
Neames, & his wife a Minister a kind affec. woman, we were
comforted in sitting with the few Frds. at this place, indeed

1819 I thot they were better off than many large meetings, they have
Fordingbridge not the weights & burdens to bear that larger meetings sometimes
have. Ringwood was the next meeting, very few indeed
Poole belong to it, then went to Poole, the meeting here pretty large,
& some agreeable friends belong to it, but a number of very
gay ones, I hope we were enabled rightly to visit them &
to obtain some relief. In the evening we had a public Meeting,
many very serious & attentive, & I hope were a little helped
& strengthened & my mind much relieved. 2d Day morning
Weymouth we went to Weymouth accompanied by several frds., the meeting
was held in a large school Room, the people sat very still, like
friends, & it was a very comfortable one. We went next to
Shaftsbury Shaftsbury, here we were plunged into some difficulty with
respect to our future movements, but after we got set in
Meeting here, Light seemed to arise, & what had presented before
Poole again laid close hold on me, that we must go back to Pool
to visit the families, & having been previously introduced in
to great conflict on this acct., I was made willing, & on
naming it to dear M. Marriage she readily accorded there-
with, ~~so~~ indeed was thankful that Light had arisen on
our path, this is an engagement peculiarly trying, & the
food seems bitter, but I have been reminded, that to the hun-
Shaftsbury gry soul, every bitter thing is sweet. — We went from Shafts-
bury to Marshull, W & R Byrd from home, we sat with the few
friends here, it was a time of comfort & consolation, not soon to

1879 be forgotten, wherein prayer was offered up for those present, as well as for the absent Labourers, & that the language of supplication

Marshwell flowed sweetly on behalf of our respective families at home.

My long detention from home has been trying indeed, but when the poor mind has been prepared by deep baptisms, a willingness is wrought to do anything wch. may be pointed out, in order to ~~on~~ enjoy a little of that Peace wch. is Balm to the soul without which all worldly enjoyments are as nothing to the quickened mind, ~~who~~ which hath tasted of the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Surely we have had much to be thankful for in our Journey, divine help has been mercifully extended in performing that wch. seemed to be required of us, out of great weakness, we have been made strong, even to our humbling admiration. We rec'd to Shaftsbury, & then went to Poole where we were again

Poole rec'd with great kindness, ~~b~~ so much affection, it quite cheared us. The morng after our arrival we commenced the family visit, but being a little unwell we only took 3 families that day, next day we paid 8 visits, we endeavoured to labour faithfully, in some places much of the tendering influence of Truth was apparent, on others it seemed difficult to make much impression, the issue must be left to Him who alone can give the increase. Here are abt. 30 families, a number very gay, scarcely any appearance of friends, however we found even amongst those, much more feeling than we expected, it has seemed like a renewed visitation to some of them. Here are

1819 a few valuable friends, & some of the younger class are, I hope, tending the right way. — We had a meetg with the Seamen of this Port wch was also attended by others, & it proved a very

Poole comfortable meetg. We have now nearly compleated our visit to the families of this place, & I begin to feel much lighter than I did a few days ago; it has been to us a time of suffering & much exercise. Before we left, we had a meeting with the young friends, in which we were helped, we endeavoured to point out to them the necessity of supporting our dis: testimonies, & to bring them to look at the standard wch had been so much departed from, in many instances, the meetg was much favoured. After dinner we parted ~~with our frds~~ in great love & affection from our frids of this place, & with minds much relieved, indeed I feel like another creature. — We went to Fordingbridge to the house of dear

Fordingbridge James Neave, & had a public meetg in the Evening wch was satisfactry.

Andover J N accompanied us by way of Salisbury to Andover, where I took Coach for Cheltenham, but previous to leavg I felt inclined to have an opportunity with Thomas Heath & his Wife, it proved a comfortable season, then I set off, my dr companion's son Robert met her at Andover, where we parted in near unity & true affection, we had travelled together in sweet harmony. At Cirencester we changed horses wch just afforded an opportty to call at Thomas Brown's,

Cheltenham arrived at Cheltenham abt. 9 o'clock, & quartered at Nathan Barrett's, next day attended meetg not quite 20 persons present, & a very trying time it was, however, I was at length able

1819 to obtain some relief, but not much, ~~we~~ I am afraid some of them are in an insensible state. We had a public meetg in the Eveng Isaac Butterfield from Tewkesbury came to attend it & sat by me,

Cheltenham wch was a strength, the people attended pretty well & some seemed solid, others restless, I hope the testimony of Truth had some place in their hearts. After supper we had a contriting oppy, & on looking over the Day, I see much cause for thankfulness.

Deb: Barrett accompanied me to Tewkesbury, & J Petley's son to Worcester. — A public meetg is appointed this Evening wch appears very formidable & I feel some discouragemt. abt. it, being so

Worcester stripped since I parted with my dr companion. Frds large meetg house was nearly filled, & all the service rested on me & I was helped through, & it was, I trust a favoured meeting. Next morng attended Frds meeting in this city, in which strength was given to speak to the different states present, ~~I trust~~ there are I think a living body of Frds belonging to this meeting, who know the way to the true spring. Priscilla Gurney & Susa Naish were at this meetg, & the former was sweetly engaged in supplication, & the meetg closed

Birmingham comfortably. After this a frd went with me to Birmingham, Saml. Lloyd kindly met me at the Coach, attended their meetg on 4th Day morng, & had a large public one in the evening, in which Mary Capper & Saml. Lloyd took an agreeable part, & it was a good meetg. Saml. Lloyd took me in his chaise next

Coalbrookdale Day to Coalbrookdale, to the house of Bernard Dickenson, at my request, a public meetg had been previously appointed, it was

1819 well attended & satisfactory. The follow'g morning attended meet'g
for friends, wch was I think a very favoured one, & then parted
Colebrookdale with our dr friends, & went to Birmingham, the visit to Coalbrookdale
afforded me peculiar satisfaction. After the evening meeting there,
I went into my room & sat down under a precious covering for a
season, in which I tho't renewed ability was afforded to supplicate
the Father of mercies for myself & my dear husband, who was brot.
very near to me, & my dear family, one after another, were sweetly
brot. into view, thus for awhile I was glad to remain quiet, has'g
no freedom to join the company down stairs, until this season
of divine favour was a little withdrawn. 7th Day Morn'g I
parted from dr Saml. & Rachel Lloyd in near affection, & took
Coach for Sheffield, Wm. Fairbank met me & conducted me to his
Sheffield Mother's house, & was very kindly received. Attended their Meet'g
on 1st Day morn'g & had a large public one in the Even'g, satisfactory.
On 2d Day even'g had a meet'g for the young friends wch was a ten-
-dering season. On 3d Day the 8th of 10th Month went to Doncaster
& attended their meeting, wch was very exercising & close things
were expressed, but I felt peaceful. Went on from hence to
Malton Malton, Scarbro' & Whitby & had Meetings at each place,
Scarbro' David Priestman going with me to some of them, after
Whitby which returned home to my dear family to our mutu-
-al comfort & rejoicing.

1820 E Robson performed a second visit to Friends & Others in Ireland, accompanied by Rebecca Ridgway. She also visited Wales with the same companion after finishing in Ireland. - - - - - - - - -

My husband accompanied me to the Y Meeting in Dublin in 4th Month, & when concluded he also went with me

Belfast to Belfast where we separated. The Meeting at this place was comfortable, & my poor mind was permitted to partake of a little of that consolation wch. is like healing Balm. In the evening a public meetg was held, & was very large, Mary Bragg was an agreeable helper & strength was given every way

Antrim for the service. — We went from Lenie to Antrim & had a public meetg, the few frds. of course attended, we had Thos. Lamb & Wm. Barcroft with us as assistants who continued with us for

Lower Grange some time. 4th Day went to Lower Grange, only 2 members belong to this meetg, & some others attend, who have some claim on friends, but it is a poor spot. In the afternoon went to Bally-

Ballynacree nacre & sat with the few under our name there wch. was a contriting season. In the evening we had a public meetg wch. was well attended, but we tho't there was not that openness amongst the people, as we found in some other places. We were at the house of Jas. Hunter, but he went to Market whilst we were there, I felt much for him, but was afraid of speaking to him, least he shd begin to cavil, & I not able to answer him, remembering when some formerly took upon them to call over the evil

1820 spirits without right authority, that they leaped upon them, & they fled, naked & wounded, this I was discouraged, but as I continued to feel the matter, I ventured to take him aside, & told him how much I felt on his acc.t, & wished he could be

Ballynacre brot to feel for himself, & I believe he knew he was wrong, he had, I believe, been made sensible that he had lost the tendering impressions he had felt when young, that I had often been reminded whilst at his house, of the man who had the Palsey & was brot. to Christ & he healed him, that his state I believed was similar, that his feelings had become greatly benumbed, yet if he would come to Christ, he would be healed, assuredly there was no other name whereby we can be saved, & he wd have to see this sooner or later, therefore I desired, that he would not be unwilling nor ashamed to acknow-ledge to his friends that he had done wrong, for at the door by which he went out, by the same he must return, he appeared affected, & said he was obliged to me. After this we went to

Coleraine Coleraine & had a meeting with abt. 100 persons, & they appeared to receive what was expressed, & were serious, & expressed satisfaction. Then went to Newton Limnavady, & had a meeting in the Market House, well attended, & I trust the testimony of Truth prevailed in solemn warning to some disorderly persons,

Londonderry & the spirits of others refreshed. We next went to Londonderry & had two public meetings, one in a methodist's M. House, & the other in the Town's-hall, & on the whole had cause to be thankful

1820 that help & strength were afforded for the work assigned us.
At this place we experienced great kindness from differens
Londonderry persons, & were particularly comforted with the company of
Jane Schoales, who really appears to be an heavenly minded
woman. We next had a meet at a small town called Mag-
Maghard- hard held in a ~~Presbyterian Chapel~~ an old Steeple House, the
people seemed to come out with one consent, the Truth arose into
precious dominion for which I felt reverently thankful &
sweet Peace filled my heart. Went from hence to Wm Green's
& met a hearty welcome. Had I felt a desire for some ~~to have~~
Cook's-Town time to have a meeting at Cook's Town, a Dissenter's M. House
was procured & it was well attended & a favoured Meeting
Grange On 4th Day morng were at Grange Meeting (Mo: Meeting)
it was very exercising & little relief obtained. It felt as if it
would be best for us to go thro' the families, altho' a very trying
prospect, & the more so, because the further we looked into things
the more we found cause for mourning. We quartered at Jona:
Hoggs who were very kind. We had a pretty large public
Meeting in the evening, wch was more lively than the one in
Rich-hill the morng. 5th Day went to Rich-hill to the Mo: Meeting,
here we met our ancient Frd John Curran, the meet was a
trying one, a great mixture among them, so many having
married out, & still come to meetings, some who were hopeful
in younger life have dwindled away, thro' the society
seems greatly laid waste. We had a public Meet in the

1820. Evening wch. was large, but not so open as some. In the
evening we went to Wm. Nicholson's to lodge, he appears to be
a valuable friend. 5th Day went to a public meeting at Dun-
Dungannon gannon held in a methodist's M. House, it was open & comfort-
able, but not very large, we went back to Wm. Greer's & had a
meeting in the Presbyterian M. House in their neighbourhood,
wch. was well attended & a very comfortable one, wch. cheered
us much, we find the meetings held quite out of the way of
friends, are the most open & satisfactory. We next went
to a place called Coal Island to Saml. Mc Donald's a
member of Grange Meeting, who has a large family, wch.
visit we accomplished to satisfaction. We next went to
Lurgan Lurgan to the house of Jan. Orton, we attended their meeting
on 1st day morng, it was rather a low time, they hold no
afternoon meeting wch. I think tends to weakness. We had a
public meeting in the evening, wch. was large & a solemn
Balinderry time. 2d Day went to a meeting with friends at Ballin-
derry, it was a large gathering, but a motley group, yet
it proved an open meeting, they were called upon, to look
back to the days of our early friends, how they were fa-
voured in their religious meetings, & what sacrifices they
made to get to them, & they were encouraged to look to the
same source, many were tendered, & my mind was much
relieved amongst them. — In the evening we had a public
Meeting in a school Room near Thomas Lamb's quite crowded,

1820 it was a good meeting, remarkable openness among the people, I think I never felt more strength to speak in a degree of that authority wch. the Truth gives, than amongst the people in the North of Ireland, & sometimes a precious solemnity is felt, it seems a remarkable time wherein the eyes of many are opening to see the emptiness of forms & ceremonies.

Moyallen We next went to Moyallen & commenced a family visit to frds. of that meeting, & had many sittings of a very exercising nature, things being very low among them. Attended their Meeting, dear Jns. Couran arose with these words "Despise not prophesying &c" and enlarged upon it, saying, that if we despised that which was spoken by those who spoke in the ability wch. God giveth, we were despising prophesying, if we were doing thus, we were despising Him also from whom cometh the spirit of Prophesy. I really was rejoiced at this, as we had reason to think from some of the visits we had paid, that they despised what we expressed. We proceeded on with the family visit, had many trying sittings, but endeavoured to be faithful. First Day before the Qu. Mtg wch. was held here, I was drawn forth pretty early to supplicate that the pure Fountain of Life might be afresh set open for our refreshment & purification, that those whose dependance was fixed on the One All-sufficient Source of help, might be refreshed, & the careless aroused &c. after which a Spoon of utterance was opened, Jns. Couran, Jacob Green, Reb. Ridgway &

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myself had each a share in the service of the Meeting, & we were made thankful. On 2d Day the meeting for Discipline was held & continued till near 2 o'clock. On 3d Day morng another meetg for worship was held, wch was a favoured time.

Feeling a desire to see the young people select, their company was requested, & many things expressed, such as reading Friends Books, attending to a simple mode of dress & address, wch the Principle we profess if faithfully attended to, wd undoubtedly lead, much tenderness was evident amongst them. In the evening at my request, was a meeting for the active members of our society, all the ministers took a share in the concern & it proved a precious Meeting, dear Jns. Conran said there was cause for rejoicing on the part of those who had been endeavouring to serve the Truth, & mentioned the circumstance of David's giving to his men a piece of bread & a flagon of Wine, & sending them away rejoicing, he said afterwards he never remembered such a favoured Qu. Meeting in that part before. After the Qu. Meeting we resumed the family visit, Jns. Conran sometimes inclined to go with us into a few families, at one place we came to, John thot it the better way not to sit with us, but inclined to sit in another room & try to feel with us, & his mind was plunged into the depth of distress, & he believed it was in sympathy with us, which was extraordinary, for altho' the man fd was clerk to the Mo. Meeting, & looked agreeable, yet it was one of the most trying

1820 sittings we had, indeed our minds were plunged into the depth of distress wch. could not soon be cast off, J C's thus feeling with us was some consolation. — In the Evening
Banbridge we went to a meeting at Banbridge, held in a presbyterian M. House, not very large, but a quiet comfortable Meeting. Jno. Couran was a fellow-labourer. Rd to Moyallen, &
Moyallen attended their week-day meeting, wch. was a season of divine favour and wch. concluded in solemn supplication, after which we continued our engagement to the families, & had a precious season in Thomas C Wakefield's, before we left, wch. I trust will not soon be forgotten. We went 4 or 5 Miles to the widow English's a populous neighbourhood where a meetg was held in her Barn 2 or 300 people present, bt proved a solid good meeting, went to Jacob Green's to dine, & went to the widow English's to Tea, where we had a pretty large company
Mayo we then went to Mayo, & had a large meeting in the market house, the solemnizing power of Truth, I trust, was felt among us. A number of frds met us here, & we went with some of them to Lisburn. Next day went to Belfast, & from thence ~~we went~~ to Carickfergus, where a meeting was held in a methodist's
Carrickfergus M. House wch. was nearly filled, & was a still quiet meeting. We then went by Mill-brook to Larne near the sea, where we had a crowded meetg in a presbyterian M. House, & I think the testimony of Truth gained ground. We rtd to Belfast to breakfast, & after a sweet oppy in Jno. Bell's family,

1820 we set off for Lisburn. Inclining to have a meet with
the children at the provincial school, ~~we went there~~, after
Rathfriland which went to Rathfriland, & had a public meeting there,
pretty well attended. We also had a opp^y in Jos. Murphy's
family, he had recently lost his wife, bone of his daughters ill.
Ret^d to Moyallen to lodge, & the follow^g morn^g went to Grange
to meeting, at the close friends stopped to arrange for the fa-
Grange. mily visits, lodged at Thomas Greer's. The follow^g morn^g we
proceeded with our trying engagement, & visited some friends
in very low circumstances, & some of them we were afraid knew
little of the life of Religion, yet we had to admire, that where
we looked for little, great tenderness was produced, we paid 8
visits this day, & ret^d to T. Greer's. Sat with T. Greer & his Wife
wherein I endeavoured to relieve my mind of an exercise w^h
rested heavily upon me, & then proceeded to other families,
Lawrence Hobson our attendant. First Day attended meet^g
at Grange, my mind was under great exercise, & strength was
given to labour very closely, yet tenderly with them, & they were
greatly broken, & the meet^g concluded with solemn supplication, & Truth seemed to rise into precious dominion, & the
suffering seed brot as out of the prison house, my mind was
greatly bowed & humbled under a belief, that divine compassion was very near, that the same blessed spirit & power by
which many outward infirmities & diseases were healed
formerly, when He was clothed with humanity, was waiting

1820 to heal our spiritual infirmities, if we would but come to Him,
many, I believe were sensible of it, really the feeling to us ap-
Grange -peared awful, surely they have Line upon Line, Precept upon
Precept, & if they will not be gathered, their condemnation will
I fear, be great, yet there are a few lively spirited friends among
them, & several of the young people are, I ~~believe~~ believe, awak-
-ened to see the things wch belong to their Peace. In the afternoon
Cabra we went to a meetg at Cabra, abt. 200 people present, it proved com-
-fortable, there is a great disposition in the north of Ireland to
come to our meetgs, & to receive our Tracts. After this we pro-
-ceeded on with our family engagement. On 4th Day attended
Grange Mo: Meeting at Grange, wch was a time of renewed extension
of divine regard, we were strengthened to speak honestly to
them, & I believe many felt the gathering Arm of the Shepherd
of Israel afresh stretched forth. I felt a concern to go into
the men's meeting, encouraging them to look the right way for
help, mentioning the circumstance of Zerubabel's building the
Lord's House, when he was reviled for it, calling them "feeble folk"
& said, if a Fox go upon it, it will throw it down &c and yet how
he succeeded to their astonishment, as he acted not by might,
or strength of his own, but by the Lord's spirit; also alluded to
the Ark being at one time conveyed by the Line; & also that
Daniel saw a stone cut out of the mountain without hands,
thus I believe the Discipline of the Church should be transacted
by simple hearted friends, who were actuated by a right spirit,

1820 reviving the Apostles admonition "Not many wise men, not many
mighty, ~~men~~ are called &c" advising them to mind their calling.
Toll-bridge After this we went to Wm. Nicholson's at Toll-bridge, & had a meetg
in his Barn, a quiet comfortable one, wherein I trust many were
refreshed, & I feel thankful for such unmerited condescension,
but this employment is very humiliating to the creature, ~~but~~
yet truly it is no matter how much this is the case, if the work is
but rightly done, I greatly love to feel that law of grace which
Lurgan excludes all boasting. We next went to Lurgan & paid some vi-
-sits, in going from place to place, our minds are often covered
as it were with sackcloth secretly, & at times ready to conclude
that "I have laboured in vain, & spent my strength for nought",
but at other times, I think I have been permitted to see with
indubitable clearness, that I was not moving in my own will,
& have felt such sweet serenity, wch. has abundantly compen-
-sated for all the trials wch. have attended, thus we are cheared &
helped on from day to day, & at times when the outgoings of
the morng have been sorrowful, the incomings of the evening
have in abundant mercy, been made to rejoice. On 1st Day
morng were at frds. meeting at Lurgan wch. was satisfactory. In
Portadown the Evening had a public meetg at Portadown held in a me-
-thodist's M. H. pretty large, but I did not feel fully relieved, after
it we went to Moyallen to lodge, & next day, paid 7 family vi
-sits, & the followg Day 8. & had a public meeting again at Port-
-adown wch. was solid & relieving. We then went towards Grange

1820 having felt uneasy on leaving it before, without visiting more
Grange of those who were not in membership with friends, & attend
our meetings, we paid 9 or 10 visits in different parts of the
Coal Island Country, & went to Coal Island to a public meeting, large and
favoured. Went home with Wm Greer's to lodge, in the morning they
Coothill went with us to Coothill, on 1st Day morng attended their Meetg,
wch was small, poor & low; in the evening a large public one in
a presbyterian Chapel, I thot I cd discover many serious people
among them, altho' some were light, bt it was with me to admonish
the latter, desiring them to remember the solemnity of the occa-
-sion abt which we were met, & in whose presence we all were,
endeavouring to shew them how wrong it was to demean them-
selves in that airy manner, wch produced a good effect, I found
as I spoke the Life to arise, & the witness seemed to be raised
in many hearts, & I felt the further I proceeded, the more extraa
I had in the hearts of the people, & was enabled to speak closely
to them, in a way that I have not often had strength for; telling
them, I was not come there to set forth strange doctrines, but
they were the doctrines of the Apostles & primitive christians,
recommending them to examine their Bibles, for what had been
expressed was according to the scriptures &c, a short supplication
was afterwards offered up, it appeared to be a remarkable
meeting & the testimony of Truth was exalted, altho' by a poor
Moat weak instrument. After this we went to Moat & had a
public meeting, not very large, but satisfactory. Next Day

1820 was their Mo: Meetg, things very low among them, we visited a
Fr.d who was ill in bed, but in a desirable state of mind. In that
meeting there is a woman Frd (not now a member) who was once
Moat an acceptable minister, & poor James Clibborn another of the
same description, Seceders, when such as these, put ~~Light for~~ dark-
-ness for light, it is no wonder at things being low. We went to
Tullamore & stopped all night with a family belonging to friends,
Tullamore but very gay, we had a meetg with them, & another family near, &
were well satisfied in having been with them. Next morng got to Mount-
Mountmellick mellick to breakfast, & in the evening had a meeting with friends, w.ch
was large & comfortable. Next morng we went to a meetg at Ra-
Rathangan thangan with friends, some of whom are valuable. We made
some calls to satisfaction. From hence we went to Edenderry
Edenderry to a meetg with friends in the eveng. Strict ability was afforded
to labour amongst them, things feel low, yet I think the life was
in degree raised amongst us. Went next to Dublin on 7th Day,
Dublin 1st Day morng meetg large, & I was favoured to obtain much re-
-lief. The afternoon meeting was put off till 6 in the evening, &
the neighbours were invited, but the house not quite full, how-
-ever it was in degree comfortable. Visited many friends, and
attended Mo: Meetg, at which I was strengthened to cast off a
burden. — A meetg for seamen was held in a Warehouse near
the Quay, abt. 300 mostly sailors present, & it proved an agreeable
Rathangan one. — Next morng went again to Rathangan to a public Meetg
Mt Mellick w.ch was an open time. Then went to Mountmellick again, and

1820 had a public meetg, wch was large & I think much favoured.

Roscrea

Roscrea was the next place where we had a meetg, but by the way, called upon our worthy ancient frd Mr Neale, & spent abt. an hour with him to satisfaction. At Roscrea there are 6 or 7 families of friends & had a meetg with them, & ~~afterwards~~ privately visited some of them.

Limerick

We proceeded after this to Limerick, stoping at several places by the way, we were kindly recd by Jos. Malsy Harvey & his Wife. In the evening attended the 2nd Meetg of M's & W's, I thot we were permitted to receive some consolation among them. On 1st Day we were favoured with two good Meetgs, Margt. Grubb's com-munication was very cordial to me. 2d Day was occupied in attending two meetings of Discipline, wch were lively & I think well conducted. 3d Day a meeting for worship was held, wch was mercifully owned, after it, was a short sitting of Ministers & Elders, frds were very cordial towards me, wch was strengthening. We visited sundry frds in this City & were edified in some of their families. We staid over their week-day meeting & had Margt. Grubb's company, it was a relieving meeting to me. In the evening we had a ten-dering opply with Joseph M. Harvey & his Wife, in which much sympathy was felt & expressed for them. Next morng

Cork

we took Coach for Cork & on 1st Day morng attended their Mtg it was lay & very exercising, considerable relief was however obtained, & I believe to many it proved a searching time. In the Evening a public meeting was held, when, I trust, the

1820 testimony of Truth prevailed in the hearts of many. ~~Soon~~
After meeting a great many frds. came to John Lecky's where
Cork we had a comfortable opty, & parted under a sweet sense of
divine regard. On 2d Day called on some frds., dined at Thos.
Bandon Wright's & then went to Bandon to a public meeting, the place
filled with people, & was a season of favour, yet I was not relieved,
& another was fixed for the evening morng wch. was greatly
favoured with a precious solemnity, many minds present
seemed like the thirsty ground, desiring to be nourished with
celestial Rain, I was thankful for the help afforded to
Cork relieve my mind. Rtd to Cork, took tea at Jos. Pike's, & then
went to meeting wch. was well attended by friends & comfortable.
Youghal We went to Youghal to a meeting wch. was well attended, &
proved in degree relieving, lodged at Mary Fisher's. From hence
we went to Wm. Fennel's at Rehill, ~~we went to~~ attended meeting at Gar-
-ryroan, wch. was pretty large, but a trying one, altho' some truly
Garryroan worthy friends belong to it, I endeavoured honestly to dis-
-charge apprehended Duty. Then we went to Clonmell, &
Clonmell quartered at Sarah Grubb's, Anna Mills, & were kindly rec.
& entertained: On 1st Day the meetings were exercising, yet
strength was given to communicate what was on my mind,
wch. was mostly in a close way, considerable tenderness was
produced & I think we were favoured together in the morng,
& this was also the case in the evening, being graciously owned
by Him whose mercies are both ancient & new. Called on

1820 sundry friends who were confined to the house, & had a refreshing opp.y in one family, went to Robt. Davis's to Tea where we had a
Clonmell large company, Sarah Grubb amongst the rest, who had kept with us thro' the Day, in the evening had a comfortable opp.y, after which retired to our quarters at Anna Mills. I may remark that many are the baptisms & proving seasons w.ch fall to my lot, but I am sensible, that the pure seed never reigns, but thro' suffering, so that I desire to be faithful herein. Abraham
Waterford Fisher accompanied us to Waterford, attended meet.g here in which I had something to express, & also in the men's & women's meetings w.ch afforded Peace. — Next we went to Ross, accom-
Ross panied by two friends, & was favoured as we rode along with great Peace & Serenity of mind, but when I got set in Meeting at Ross, this was all taken away, & an exercise raised on behalf of the few friends assembled, but did not get fully relieved, but after dinner at Saml Elly's we had an opp.y which afforded further relief. Ret.d back to Waterford. Feeling a desire to go again to Youghal, & my dr Companion Rebecca
Youghal Ridgway wished to spend a few days at home, Marg.t Doyland went with me, when we arrived we met a cordial reception at my former quarters Mary Fisher's, next morn.g attended fr.ds meeting w.ch was comfortable, we called on several friends & had an opp.y with one who is in a low way, I trust his mind was encouraged, & his confidence renewed, he has long been a valuable man, but of late greatly depressed by the

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misconduct of some of his children. We had a large public meeting in the evening, wch. I think was attended with unusual solemnity. In returning from meeting we called on Arthur Usher, who is in an agreeable state of mind, but near his end apparently; Richd & Martha Usher were at both the Mtgs here, & we had an opp^y with them at their Brother's, in which poor Richd was greatly tendered. On 7th Day morng we had a precious opp^y in Mary Fisher's family before we parted, & several frds set us across the water. Retd to Waterford, I was much pleased with Mary^t. Hoyland's company and Labours, I thot she was much favoured, & enlarged in gospel communication both in meetings & families. — 1st Day Morng

Waterford

mett^g at Waterford, was, I think, mercifully owned by the great Head of the Church, I had many fellow-Labourers, M. Hoyland, Reb. Ridgway & the afternoon meeting rather heavy, but towards the close I felt a little matter to communicate, & the heaviness appeared in degree removed. Sus^a Corder & Ann Jacobs came from Clonmel to see me, the former not being at home when I was there, I was glad to have their company. We visited the provincial school, & had some religious communication to the children. In the evening we had a public mett^g, house nearly filled, but it was one of the most trying I ever attended, it seemed like descending into the ~~depths~~ depths, before a capacity was received to speak to the people, & then the fountain wch. is both ancient & new, seemed to be set open, & things old and

1820 new imparted from the Treasury, & I was strengthened to speak to
my thankful admiration, & it was truly a solemn meeting, & the
language of supplication was vocally uttered under the influence
Waterford of the spirit. —— The darkness & ignorance wch. prevails among
the people in Ireland, is such as may be felt, especially in meetings
with them, & many have been the deep baptisms & exercises, as much
as human nature almost, was capable of bearing, but I am often
renewedly convinced, that without these washings & purifications
of the spirit, a state of acceptance in the divine sight cannot
be experienced, much less a capacity to visit the states of meetings
& individuals. 3d Day the 8th of 8th Mo: we breakfasted this
morning at Eliz. Strangman's, after which we had an opp.y
with them, agreeable friends, we also called on a number of frds.
with some of whom we had ~~some~~ relies & opportunities. On 5th
Day was at their week day meeting wch. was larger than usual, my
mind was dipped into much exercise & strength given to speak
to the states of many, & particularly to hold forth a loving invi-
tation to the youth & we were mercifully owned together. In the
evening we had another public meeting, better attended than the
last, it was quite large & a memorable one, I dont recollect ever
experiencing more of the power of Truth to attend. — On 6th Day
I had something to do to break away from my frds., many of whom
felt near & dear in the Truth. Took Packet for Milford Haven
in Wales, many frds. accompanied us, we had a fine passage, & my
mind was sweet & peaceful, we are quartered at Paul Starbuck's.

1820 Milford

At Milford we had a large public meeting, & many could not get in, it was a favoured good Meeting, I could not help contrasting the feeling between the people here & at Waterford. On 3d Day had a meet at a place 3 or 4 miles up the Bay, near to which is a large Dock for building Ships for Government, it was held in a methodist's M. House 6 or 700 persons present, great openness was felt, and many were tendered, dear Reb. Ridgway took a greater share than usual for her in such meets, & I thot was much favoured. We visited the families here, & were favoured with the humbling power of Truth, & something of its captizing influence was felt as we sat with some of them. In the afternoon went to Haverfordwest to a public meet, & I trust, the Truth was declared amongst them in a degree of demonstration & clearness, but was a good Meeting.

Haverfordwest

Swansey half year's Meeting.

On 4th Day went to Swansey, & just got in time for the Meet of M's & E's, I thot we were permitted to feel a degree of true Unity, & something was expressed in the line of encouragement. On 5th Day morng attended the meet for worship, a favoured one, in which much instruction flowed thro' the ministers present, three supplications were poured forth, I trust under right influence. The business of the women's meet was proceeded in at the close of the meet for worship, & agreeably conducted. But I did not feel clear of friends, & ventured to propose a meeting for worship before frds separated, wch was united with, & the following morng was fixed for it, this was to me a very exercising subject, however when we assembled, Anna Price arose & expressed

1820 Swansey half year Meetg. a belief that the meeting had not been appointed for nothing, & that she had a sense there was a weight of exercise, R. R also spoke, I had a very relieving time, wherein I thot more than usual clearness was given in expression, other dear friends were also engaged but was a precious Meeting. From hence we went to Neath Abbey & dined at Anna Price's, but in the Evening went to Meeting, where again out of weakness, I was strengthened to speak to the people, & great solemnity prevailed, Edwd Sinkins spoke first, & A. Price at the close expressed her satisfaction with the meeting in full terms, thus the evening with me was made to rejoice in degree. Next day had a meeting with friends, not numerous, but very agreeable. — After Tea we retd to Swansey & were kindly recd by Thos. & Susa. Bigge. First day morng meetg rather large, several present who did not belong to it. In the evening we had a large & I think solemn public meetg.

Neath Abbey

Swansey

We next had a public meetg at Morice Town, where many of the people understood but little english, yet a solemn feeling prevailed wh. appeared to solemnize their minds, & after each of us had spoken (Susa. Bigge took a part in the service) Joseph Pollard gave the people the purport of what had been delivered, & I trust it was a good Meeting. Went again to Neath Abbey, accompanied by Susa. Bigge, & had a public meetg, many frds came, some from Swansey, Anna Price, Susa. Bigge & A. Aidgway took a part in the service & I think it was a favoured meetg. Jos: Pollard again interpreted what I had expressed, at

1820 ~~Last~~ cast the substance into Welch, the people were very still. We spent a pleasant evening with dear Anna Price
Neath Abbey & family. Next morng after reading, solemn supplication was offered up for each of our preservation, & then parted in great Love. Jos. Price went with us in our carriage to Neath a-bout a mile, & stopped at Elizabeth Rees's to bid them farewell, we found them reading, T. & S. Bigge who had lodged there being
Neath present, we sat down with them a few minutes, & this an oppy was unexpectedly obtained for our doing what a few mornings before when there we omitted, wch. was to express our sympathy with E. Rees & family, to whom the language of encouragemt. flowed sweetly. We then set off for Abraham Jackson's, at
Borreston, & by the way called upon Ann Young who lives in
Borreston a solitary situation, her husband not a member, she is a nice frd, sister to Thomas Davis of Milverton, soon after we got to A. Jackson's, a methodist M. House was procured for a meetg in that neighbourhood, it was crowded, & I trust strength was afforded to impart Counsel & it was measurably owned. 5th Day went to their small meeting in T. Redwood's house, things were low. We went from hence to John Harford's & with his sister we spent the evening agreeably, A. Jackson with us, in the morng sat with them & two more, wherein my mind was refreshed. John & Eliz. Harford accompanied us
Newport to Newport & had a large meetg in a methodist's Chapel, & I trust the blessed Master was mercifully near, wch. rose enough.

1820 On 7th day morng we breakfasted at Peter Nappers, he & his wife
agreeable friends. We went next to Pontipool to a small meetg.
Pontipool with friends, & in the evening a public one crowded, the people
behaved well, & I trust a good degree of solemnity prevailed, had
an oppy with the family where we were quartered after supper, also
one next morng with J & E. Harford before we separated. We went
Ebbwvale on to Ebbwvale by way of Robert Haywood's, where we had an
oppy with his family, for which we had felt much concern. We
recd a hearty welcome from Richd Harford & his family, we had
a meeting on their Premises, the people appeared well disposed,
& I felt great openness towards them, & I trust, it was mercifully
Merthyr owned. — From hence we went to Merthyr to a meetg in a methodist
Chapel, Jos. Price & Bevington Gibbons met us here, I suppose we
had the company of abt. 700 people, & I was mercifully strengthened
for the work we were engaged in, & the meetg was much favoured, wch.
Brecon cheared me greatly. We went next to Brecon where we had a
meetg in the Town's Hall, attended by many genteel people, I was
enabled to speak to them to my own relief, & it was I believe a
solemn meeting, indeed I thot that whilst the truths of the gospel
were declaring, & the work of religion described to be an inward work,
there was something in the hearts of the people wch. answered to it,
altho' contrary to the generally received opinions, but I trust the
shadows of the night are beginning to disperse, & that many are
coming more & more to see further than the ceremonial part of
Religion. We next had a meetg in a Papist Chapel at Hay, &

1820. I think it was a season not soon to be forgot. Supped at Sus.a
Pales Swetman's. Proceeded to Pales next day to the house of Thos.
Rogers. First day morng sat with friends, their number greater
than I expected, yet things were low, but I was strengthened to cast
off my burden, partly in meeting, & in a private opp.y after. We
had a public meet.g in the evening, the house was well filled,
several of the people appeared reached & great solemnity pre-
Presteign - vailed. We went next to a meet.g at Presteign, pretty large, &
I hope in degree owned by Best help, but being afraid of doing
too much, I omitted a part of what sld have been expressed at
the conclusion, & thus brot. trouble on myself, but as it was
not intentional I did not feel greatly distressed, I consider
it a favor to be able to feel when I do wrong. We went from
Carcott hence to the house of Sophia Edwards, a valuable frd. whose
husband has lately been disowned for immoral conduct.
In this neighbourhood we had a large meet.g in a methodist's
Llanidloes Chapel, a good meet.g. — Our next meeting was at Llanidloes, at
the house of Richd Brown a worthy blind friend, & in the Evng
a large meet.g in a methodist's Chapel, wch. proved a very solemn
season, the people in Wales flock to our Meetings. We had a
Aberystwith crowded meeting at Abyristwith & my mind was much enlarged
amongst the people, dear Rebecca was acceptably engaged. We
had another meet.g next morng, not large, but solid. At this
place we met with Richd Cadbury & some other frds. who were
a visiting to us, I felt so much abt. another meeting here, that

1820 I durst not proceed till it was accomplished, I tried it to the
Aberystwith last, & we even set off, but were obliged to return, after having
gone 5 miles. We concluded to hold the meetg in a large Room
at the Inn, & R^d Cadbury & Ab. Jackson went to the lodging houses
to give notice, & we had many of the great people, & I was helped
to speak closely to them on the importance of making a good
use of time, reviving the passage "Woe unto you that are rich,
for ye have rec^d your consolation" shewing the danger of
receiving our consolations whilst here, to the neglecting of
better things, many other things were opened & expressed, &
some light spirits were, I trust bro^t. down & much solemnity
prevailed, & my mind was much relieved. After this we went
to Dolgelly, & quartered at Doctor Owen's, next day being the
Tydnygarg 1st of the week we went to meetg at Tydnygarg, 7 members
only belong to it, a few sober persons came in. In the eveng
had a meeting in a methodist's Chapel, crowded, but did not ob-
-tain full relief, so that we appointed another on 2^d Day Evng
wch I think was greatly favoured, & the peoples spirits solem.
-nized. — We went next to a small meetg called Dionygyrwl,
& called on Katherine Morgan who had been rec^d a member a
few years ago, several people met with us at the house of a
widow, named, Rees, a valuable fr^d. there were only 3 or 4 mem.
-bers belonging the meeting, & none cd speak english but R. M.
many others came in, & I felt much for them, but for awhile
was discouraged from speaking, fearing it wd be like an

1820 unknown tongue, & was inwardly exercised that the power
might attend, wch. is beyond words, at length I expressed what
was on my mind, & great tenderness was produced. Afterwards at Colgelly
Dolgelly we had an opp^y with Anthony Morgan (who had just retd having
been from home) & his Wife, also Doctor Owen & his wife, one thing
opened after another to express to them, & thus a refreshing sea-
-son was granted unlooked for, we parted from them in much love,
& set off for Welchpool & staid all night, & the follow^g morning
Shrewsbury went to Shrewsbury & quartered at Mary Young's on the Wharfe,
& had a meeting with some of the people between 1 & 200 perhaps,
but it was a trying meeting, it seemed difficult to make any
impression on their minds, yet I hope some were seriously im-
-pressed, Ab. Jackson seemed fully of the mind, that it was not
labour lost, near the close of the meet^g, feeling much discouraged,
that the life did not more prevail, this language arose in
my mind "He did not many mighty works, because of their
unbelief". We went ~~towards~~ Coalbrookdale next, & rec^d a kind
Coalbrook-dale welcome from Bernard Dickenson's, we passed thro' a village
in our way to which I felt attracted & a meet^g was fixed to be
held in a large room in a farmer's house, the priest was much
displeased that we shd go amongst his people, who said he c^d take care
of them himself, the people came out freely, it was a favoured
meeting, they evinced great kindness towards us. Ret^d to Coal-
Newdale brookdale to lodge. 8th Day went to meet^g at Newdale, not
many friends, for a time there was little to be felt, but by

1820 quietly waiting, something arose in seeming weakness, how-
-ever I stood up with it, endeavouring to call them to the power,
& to my humbling admiration, one thing followed after another,
Newdale & the great Master Trust prepared & owned the offering, & dear
Rebecca said something in a lively manner, it was a good
Meeting. In the evening had a public meet^g, not large, but
quiet, & some access Trust was mercifully granted to the hea-
-venly Treasury. Rebecca was more enlarged than usual for her.
At the close, or perhaps after the Meet^g, the language sweetly
arose "Return unto thy rest, oh! my soul, for the Lord hath dealt
Coalbrook- bountifully with thee". We retd back to Coalbrookdale with our
-dale kind friends B. & H. Dickinson. We visited a number of our
friends in the Dale to satisfaction. On 1st Day I went to
meeting under much exercise, but did not obtain full relief;
much labour has been bestowed on fr^ds of this meet^g (I believe)
but there has not been in some cases, fruits answerable
produced, indeed I believe some are turning a deaf ear, it is
a dangerous thing to be rich & full, we had far better be poor
& needy, yet I was comforted respecting some in that Meeting.
We dined at Sarah Darby's, who with Ches^a. Appleby were
as kind as well could be. The meeting in the evening to
which the neighbours were invited was large, I went to it in
much weakness, but feeling after quietude, a little matter
sprung up, yet it did not seem that I shd have much to
express, but moving in the faith, things opened, & I was

1820 much enlarged, & the meeting proved, I think, a season of sweet refreshment, Edwd Simkins sat by me wch was very
Coalbrook-dale agreeable, being one of the worthies of the present Day. I had all the service to myself wch I did not desire. After this my dr companions & I separated, after a comfortable opp^y, dear Rebecca Ridgway & I have travelled together several months in much love & harmony & near unity, Abraham Jackson altho' not in the ministry, his mind was prepared to bear part of the exercise & was an able & useful assistant. — After this Bernard Dickenson took me in his Gig to Penkridge to meet one of the Birmingham Coaches & he intended going with me to Manchester, this I was averse to, however it happened when the Coach came up ~~that~~ Rachel Lloyd & two of her daughters were in it, going to Rendal, & just one place at liberty, this was an unexpected pleasure to me. I was favoured as I travelled along to feel peaceful, & I thot there seemed no cloud in the way, that the late sacrifice had mercifully been accepted. We got to Manchester, & Isaac Crewdson met us at the Inn to whose house we went. ~~After spending 2 or 3 hours & with them~~. I went to Stockport next day accompanied by a frd of the name of Satterthwaite, G & A Jones were from home, but were written to, to meet me
Buxton at Buxton to wch place I was going with the view of holding a meeting with the people at that place. Accompanied by Aline & Sarah Sims we had a large & satisfactory

Buxton Meeting, Geo: & Ann Jones, also Ebenezer Bowman & his Wife
Stockport met us here (Buxton) returned to Stockport & finished
a visit to the families of that place, Sa: Simms bearing
Leeds me company. After this went forward to Leeds & was
at their 1st Day Morng Meeting, here I met ~~my~~ my dear Bro:
Isaac Stephenson to my great comfort. In the Evening
a ~~large~~ public Meeting was held at his request wch was
largely attended. The following Evening feeling my
mind attracted towards the people, a public meeting was held
the ensuing Evening at the same place, wch was very
relieving to me, being also very large, after which I
Harrogate had a public Meeting at Harrogate, some of the gay
people then at that place attended, ~~& some of them more~~
~~wondered~~ & it was a favoured time, my dr Bro: & S with
some other friends were present. In the Evening had a
Knaresbro' public Meeting at Knaresbro', wch proved agreeable. Next
Day got well home & found my dr family in good health,
wch was cause of renewed thankfulness. —

In the Spring of this Year ~~Elizabeth Robson~~ accompanied by ~~her~~ sister, ~~Edwd~~ Eliz: (Edward) Robson, & Solomon Chapman went to Hull in order to hold some Meetg with such Seamen in particular, who were engaged in the Whale Fishery, previous to going out, in which service they had cause for thankfulness, & much openness being felt amongst them, the number of those Meetings were 8 or 10. After this service was performed, I attended the Yearly Meeting.

In the 8th Mo: 1821 we removed to Liverpool & I soon found an extensive field of Labour opened for me, ~~to be engaged in~~, not only among friends, but also amongst the people generally, & a great many public Meetings were held, not ~~only in~~ Liverpool, but in many parts of the County, I was mostly accompanied by Frances Thompson, my Husband, Saml Blain ~~&~~ Nicholas Waterhouse &c.

1822

In the year 1822 I was much employed in holding public Meetings in Westmoreland & various parts of Lancashire, in & at Manchester in particular, having Frances Thompson for a companion.

1823 In this year I attended the Yearly Meeting, after which visited Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire, ~~visited~~ the fami-

1823 families at Hitchin, accompanied part of the time by F. T. also Ann Rawson & Eliz. Wheeler. I also attended London Qu: Meeting, ~~also~~ & the Qu: Meeting for Northamptonshire, after which I returned home.

Abt. the autumn of this year accompanied by my husband I went into the Counties of ~~Cheshire~~, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, & attended some of the Meetings of friends & had a number of public Meetings. After this I visited the families of our own Meeting (Lpool) accompanied by my husband & some other friends, this was a very trying engagement, but I was mercifully helped to get thro' it, to my comfortable relief. After this went again to London accompanied by F. T. attended the Winter Qu: Meeting there, visited the families at Tottenham, & were at sundry Meetings of friends & had some public ones. In the 1st Mo: of this year was at the Qu: Meeting of Durham & had sundry public Meetings in that County.

1824 1825 1826 1827 1828 three years in America

This year after returning from my Visit to London & Neighbourhood, I believed the time was come for acquainting my friends with the prospect I had long before to visit friends & others on the Continent of America, this I proceeded in, and obtained Credentials from all the Meetings, & embarked the 11th of 8th Mo: & was engaged in this ~~in~~ service 4 years, returned home the 11th of 8th Mo: 1828. — See a particular Acct. in a green Quarto vol.

1829 This Year attended the Yearly Meeting in London in company with my husband, after which went to the Qu: Meetings of Essex, Suffolk & Norfolk, & took some particular Meetings in those Counties, then proceeded into Northamptonshire, visited the families at Wellingbro' & took the other Meetings in that County, also had some public ones; after which attended the Meetings in Oxfordshire, next went into Worcetshire, visited the families at Evesham, & took the rest of the Meetings in that County, & some in Glocestershire, also went again into Worcestershire & visited the families at Worcester, then the Meetings in Herefordshire, & afterwards went into Warwickshire, were at most of the Meetings in that County, as well as Leicestershire & Rutland, visited the families at Birmingham in company with Sarah Squires, & then returned home by way of Derby, Nottingham & where we had Meetings, were from home about 4 Months. ~~10 mo. This year our son Isaac was married to Sarah Wheeler of Hitchin, at which place my husband & myself went to attend his marriage, & after it, visited our children at Wheden. In the 12th Mo. I had many public Meetings at Manchester & Neighbourhood.~~

1829 & 1830 In the Winter I went to London & attended that Qu. Meeting in the 12th Mo: after which uniting with R. Bullingham we visited the families belonging Devonshire-house Meeting also Plaistow & Barking, I also visited the families of Gra-ch. st in company with Dorcas Coventry, & accompanied by R. Beck the families at Staines, & by Mary Sterry to the families of Southwark & Peckham, & lastly joined by Eliz. Fox of Falmouth to the families of Uxbridge. Attended all the Meetings belonging to London & Middlesex Qu. Meeting & had a number of public Meetings, after which visited some of the prisoners in Newgate returned home with Dorcas Coventry with a peaceful mind, & was truly glad to meet my dr family.

1830 10th Mo. I went with my husband to Ditchin to attend our son Isaac's marriage with Sarah Wheeler of that place, after which we visited our children at Walden.

In the 12th Month I had many public Meetgs at Manchester & Neighbourhood.

1831 In this year in company with my husband & Christine Majolier I visited the friends in the South of France, & also at Pyrmont & Minden after attending the Yearly Meeting in London — See the Acct. in a separate Book. absent from home abt. 5 Months

1832 In the Spring of this Year in company with my husband I visited the families of our Meeting (Lpool) the number of Sittings 256. In the beginning of the 7th Mo: in company with Marg^t. Binns to a few Meetings, & afterwards joined by Mabel Hipsley, I visited all the Meetings of friends in Yorkshire, & sundry public ones, & visited the families (accompanied by Rachel Jowitt) at Leeds, & also the families at Hull with Mabel Hipsley, was ~~absent~~ abt. 4 Months from home.

1833 In the 1st Mo: of this Year in company with ~~Abigail~~ Abigail Doncaster visited the families of friends at Manchester.

In the 4th Mo: ~~joined by Thomas Forster~~ T. F. had a minute to unite herein had sundry public Meetings in Lpool & Neighbourhood.

In 5th Mo: went to London to attend the Yearly Meeting, in company with my husband, after which we went to Walden, & attended the Qu. Meeting at Colchester, & returned to Walden, after which we proceeded to the Counties of Glocester, Wiltshire, Somerset, & attended the Qu. Meeting at Glastonbury, thro' Somerset to Exeter, & Plymouth, & took all the Meetgs in Devon & Cornwall, & had many public ones in those Counties. We also visited Bristol & neighbourhood

1833 & had many Meetings with friends & others. Returned home by way of Glocester, Tewkesbury, Worcester & Coalbrookdale & had public Meetings at each place, & several in the neighbourhood of the last named place, after which had a public Meeting at Whitchurch & reached home the following Day & found all our children in good health. We were absent on this Journey 6 Months & 3 Days, attended 60 Meetings with friends & 81 Do. with other people, & travelled about 2283 Miles. See the Acct. in another Book.

1834 Went with my husband to the Yearly Meeting in Dublin, Stephen Grellet, Wm. Allen & Daniel Hack with us, also Sus.a Corder. The Y. Meeting proved ~~to be a time of instruction~~ & comfort. There is in that Land a weighty body of friends, & things appeared improving amongst them. Believing it right to attend the Y. Meeting in London I crossed with Sarah Fayle, Ann Grubb & Eliz. Mo: on the way, I felt my mind bowed under a feeling of weight & exercise, in looking towards the approaching solemnity, & an earnest desire has prevailed that I may be kept in my right allotment, however humiliating, & whatever suffering I may have to pass through, & now in the evening, I am comforted in remembering when

1834 under ~~some~~ discouragement in Dublin after some trying conversation with a certain fr^d (A B) this language sweetly arose "I will hide thee as in the hollow of my hand". The Y^M^G in London proved an exercising time ~~affecting~~ on acct. of an opposing spirit, which evidently shewed itself & yet thro' marvellous condescension we were ~~often~~ favoured with some watering seasons. In the last sitting of the Meet^g of Ministers & Elders, our dr fr^d S. Grellet spoke plainly, saying, the cloven foot had got in among us, that doctrines were introduced contrary to those held by our early friends &c, that there were those who had not kept their stations in the Truth &c, to the relief of the honest hearted, but those of another description were displeased. — In the 3^d Sitting of the Y^M^G I felt drawn to visit our men friends, to which I yielded in much fear, Eliz: Fox offered to accompany me, & the visit produced Peace to my mind. On leaving the City I felt a covering of calmness & quietness beyond what I could have looked for. After spending a few Days at home I returned to Ireland & visited ~~the~~ all the Meetings of friends except one, ~~& the~~ fr^ds of which met us ~~us~~ at Forest, I had the acceptable company of my dr friend Eliz: Green of Milton as my companion nearly the whole time I was in Ireland, travelled abt. 1509 miles had 84 Meet^gs with friends & 47 public ones.

1834 I obtained liberty of our Mo: Meeting in the winter
of this year ~~to hold~~ to hold some public Meetings
& had the following, some of them in the beginning of
1835 the year 1835. I was accompanied by my husband &
many other friends vizt. Chester, Southport, Walton,
Woodside, Frammere, Wallacey, Woolton, Gatacre, Wa-
-nectree, West Derby, Kirkdale, Toxteth Park, Friends'
Meet^g House, Leeds Street Chapel, Litherland, again at
Friends M^g. House, Preston, Black-pool, Poulton, Eccles-
-ton, Bispham, Lytham, Freckleton, Kirkham, Preston.
In the 3^d Month went to London attended 2^w Meeting there
& all the particular Meetings constituting it, & had many
public Meetings in London & Neighbourhood vizt 2 at Windsor,
one at Richmond, Deptford, Woolwich, Greenwich, be be after
which I visited Essex, attended all the Meetings of
Friends & had many public ones, I was accompanied
thro' Essex by my d^r Sister Mercy Green. In the
11th Month obtained a Minute to visit friends in
Marsden Mo: Meet^g & accompanied by Mary T. Crosfield
to a few, & my husband went with me to all the
rest, all the M^s. of friends were visited, & had the
following public ones, viz. Bolton, Bury, Egerton,
Bolton a 2^d time, Rochdale, Marsden, Burnley, Colne
1836 Trawden, Sawley, Crawshaw-booth, Blackburn, Clitheroe,
Todmorden, Bacup, Haslingden, Crawshaw-booth 2^d time,

1836 Rochdale 2d time, Oldham, Gisburne, Newton, Edgworth,
in all 22 public Meetings. . . . .

1836 In the 28th of 1st Mo: obtained a Minute to
to visit friends in Cumberland & Northumberland
& to attend a few Meetings in the Co: of Durham, also
if way shd open, to hold some with those not pro-
fessing with us. My frd Margt. Binns likewise
had a Minute granted her to accompany me.
On the 30th of 1st Mo: left home, my husband accompanied
me to Manchester, where we spent two or three days with
our son & daughter Crewdson; Margt Binns joined me
here, & we took the Mail Coach for York. I felt much at
parting with my dear husband be, but chiefly a sense
of unfitness for the service before me greatly bowed
my spirit, thus I went forth weeping, but not without
a grain of faith, that He who had graciously helped me
thro' many close exercises, would continue to be with me
Manchester in this Journey. Before leaving Manchester attended
two Meetings there which were low times. At York I got
York a little cheered, in being sensible that my good Master
had not forsaken me, in sitting with friends in their Meeting,
we quartered with our Nephew & Niece Rontree, who I hope
are improving in best things. We went from York to
Darlington, lodged at Cousin Jno & Rach. Backhouse's, who
gave us a kind welcome. Next day Cousin Wm Robson

ment with us to Stockton, 6th Day the 5th of 2d Mo: I had a Meeting with friends, wherein I trust we were refreshed together, dined with Marg^t Atkinson, & called upon several friends, & returned to Darlington. On 7th Day, we visited my dear Relations

1836 at this place pretty generally. On 1st Day, the Meeting in

Darlington. the morning was an open time, wherein I believe we were favoured to experience the descendings of heavenly goodness. In the afternoon had a public Meeting at Durham,

Durham many fr^ds attended, Cousin Hannah C. Backhouse took a part in the service, it was a relieving Meeting to me. On 2d day Morng we parted with our dear Relatives, from whom we had rec^d great kindness & cordiality, but I have ever found it safest, to look with a single eye to my good Master, & not suffer any marks of approbation from my friends, to supercede the judgment of Truth in my own mind; at same time the unity of the brethren, is what I highly prize as a blessed privilege. We next attended

Staindrop a Meeting at Staindrop, on 2d Day Morng Co: Dearman Robson went with us,

Cotherston & in the evening had one at Cotherston, lodged at John Chipchase's. We visited Caleb Wilson, who was in declining health, but appeared to be alive in the Truth, & evinced much concern respecting the divisions in our society. On

Bishop Auckland 3d Day Morng went to a public Meeting at Bishop Auckland, where John & H. C. Backhouse met us, it was not large, but quiet, & I hope was held to satisfaction. In the afternoon

1836 me went to Sunderland, lodged at my dear Sister Mounsey's,
Sunderland here we rested a few days, & attended their week-day Meeting, &
Southwick had a public one at Southwick. On 1st day the 15th of 2d Mo: at-
-tended Meetg at Sunderland in the morng with friends, & in the
Sunderland evening had a large public one in frds Meetg House. 2d Day the
16th went ~~to Newcastle~~ in the evening to a similar one at
Newbottle Newbottle, some of those Meetgs were laborious times, but trust
the Truth prevailed in some degree. On 3d Day we went to
Newcastle, sister Mounsey accompanying us, quartered at Co:
Newcastle Jona: & Ann Richardson's, 4th Day attended their week-day
Shields Meetg. In the evening went to Shields, & were very kindly rec
by Bro: & Sister Richardson, were at their Meetg on 5th Day, wch
proved an encouraging one. On 6th Day evening had a public
Meeting at Shields, but ~~did~~ not prove so open as some we
had. Our stay here, as well as at Sunderland was cheering
to my mind, having much comfort in the society of near
& dear Relatives, & I trust we were favoured at times to
take sweet counsel together. On 7th Day sister M R went
with me to N Castle, leaving Mt Binns at Shields being a
little indisposed. On 1st Day Morng the 22d attended Friends
N Castle Meetg, it was a time of close exercise for awhile, but I trust
some ability was afforded to speak to different states, & to
hold forth doctrines ~~as~~ professed by us, as being in strict ac-
-cordance with the scriptures. In the Evening we had a large
public Meeting, wherein I felt great openness to declare the

1836 Truth, as it is in Jesus, it was I believe a good Meeting,
& I felt great Joy & Peace after the labours of this day.
On 2d Day visited frds in the Morng, dined at Dob: Richard-
N Castle sons, returned to our quarters to Tea, where we had a large
company of frds especially of the younger class, with whom
we had a precious opportunity; Geo. Richardson, & I think
sister Margt. Richardson took an agreeable part therein.
On 3d day in company with Geo: Richardson we went
Sunderland to Sunderland to attend the interment of Geo: Binns who
left a widow & a large family of children. On 5th Day
Newcastle retd to N Castle to the Mo: Meeting, where my mind was
again much exercised some present having gone off into
speculative opinions on religious subjects; it seemed to
be my business to hold up faith with works, & to speak
of the great privilege in being blessed with the immedi-
ate teachings of the holy spirit in this gospel day.
Prayer was also offered up, & I believe thro' adorable con-
descension the Truth prevailed in a precious degree.
On 5th Day we had a public Meetg at Cullercoats, parted
with my dr sister Mounsey after it, & went to Newcastle.
Aldstone On 6th Day the 26th went to Aldstone a frd going guide
with us, we lodged at Jns Little's who with his wife and
daughter were very agreeable, here we had a Meetg with
friends & others wch I trust was graciously owned by the good
Master. Next day went to Allendale, lodged at Joseph

1830 Watson's. Next day, being first, sat with friends, which
Allendale was thro' divine condescension a refreshing season. We
also had a comfortable public Meeting in the Evening. I hope
there were a few lively spirited friends belonging this
Meeting. In the evening had an encouraging opportunity
with Jos: Watson & his widowed daughter Pattinson. On
2d Day went to Cornwood, the same fd who came with us
from N Castle accompanied us in a Chaise, but had some
fears how we might get on, on acct. of so much snow
having fallen, but were favoured to get along in safety.
Cornwood The Mg at Cornwood is now much reduced in numbers,
8 members only, & these all of the name of Wigham; the
language of encouragement flowed towards them, & pre-
-cious feeling of divine Life experienced. Rachel Wigham
is an acknowledged Minister & a worthy friend. Before
we parted, we had a refreshing opportunity together. In
Hart- the evening went to Rattlebaistle to a Meeting held in a Me-
-whistle thodist's Mg House, wherein strength was mercifully af-
-forded to espouse the good cause, wch found entrance I
trust in many minds. On 3d Day Morng we went to
Carlisle to the house of Thomas Storey; John Watson who
had been with us since leaving N Castle retd home. On
4th Day had a Mg at Scotby with frds. 5th at Carlisle,
6th at Solport in the Morng, & Kirklington in the afternoon,
the former a poor spot as to friends, some others coming

1830 in helped the Meeting, at the latter place we fared better
Kirk- some agreeable frd amongst them, we took Tea at Wm Dodgson,
-lington an ancient frd who interested us much. Rod to Carlisle
in the Evening. On 7th Day made some calls & rested.
Carlisle On 1st Day the 6th of 3d Mo: attended frds Mg in the Morng
& had a large public one in the Evening, both these were
laborious seasons, different states were spoken to in
the Morng, & a call extended to more dedication of heart;
In the Evening way opened to treat on christian doctrine,
great stillness prevailed, it was a good Meeting, & sweet
peace was my blessed portion. 2d Day, were at a Meetg
Moorhouse at Moorhouse in the Morng, few frds belonging thereto, but
several serious persons coming in, we were remembered
Kirk- for good, & also at a small Mg at Kirkbride in the
-bride Evening. T & E Storey were with us at those two places,
we lodged at Mary Shetton's. On 3d Day went to Wigton,
to the house of Robt. Dodgson, & attended a Meetg at
Bolton Bolton in the afternoon, where we met some agreeable
friends, after which rod to Wigton, Mary Taylor being
with us, who spoke agreeably in the line of ministry.
4th Day sat with frds at Wigton, where it seemed to be
my place after much exercise of spirit, to try to arouse
the careless & lukewarm, wch appeared to me to be the
case with some in that Meetg. In the afternoon we
visited the school where we found a nice stock of

1836 children, & I hope under good management; several
Wigton, 6th day met us here, & had a religious opportunity, & I trust
School, we were favoured with the springing up of the well
of Life. 5th Day went to a Meeting at Beckfoot, & found
Beckfoot the house well filled, Joseph Saul having brot. his scho-
-lars, teachers &c about 100 in all to Meeting. My way
soon opened in communication, & it proved a relieving
time to me beyond many Meetings, composed of friends
only. I believe the principles we profess are pure primi-
-tive christianity, & in sitting down with those who
are truly desirous of performing spiritual worship, the
Unction from the Holy One is inwardly witnessed, re-
-freshing the weary traveller Zion-ward, & filling the
hungry with good things; thus at seasons thro' ador-
-able goodness, the solemn feast is sweetly enjoyed, &
the faith & confidence of the Lord's people renewed. But
for want of faithfully labouring in the vineyard of
the heart, great weakness & lukewarmness prevails over
many; the daily prayer for spiritual bread being neg-
-lected, it is no wonder, that when we meet in our reli-
-gious assemblies, great deadness is felt, & it is hard
work for those who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity, to
press thro' all these obstructions. After dining at
Joseph Saul's, (not the School Master's) we had a pleasant
Allenby ride by the Sea-side to Allenby, where we had a-

1836 Meeting next day, & one at Maryport on 7th Day, quar-
Maryport tering at Jane Ostler, & went in the afternoon to White-
haven to the house of Mary Nicholson & Sister, their
Niece Mary Nicholson living with them, who is now
White- an acknowledged Minister. Attended Meeting with
haven Fr.ds in the Morng, being first day, & had a large solemn
one in the Evening with the people of the place. I was
much enlarged in communication, & believe there was
a door of entrance in the minds of the people, at the
close I felt peaceful & thankful. — 2d 3d & 4th days
engaged in going thro' the families at this place, & at
the close had a Meetg with friends. 5th Day went to a
Gray- Meeting at Gray southern, Mary ~~Wilkinson~~ Miller
southern being with us, we were kindly entertained at John
Wilson Fletcher's, we met some agreeable friends at
this place to our comfort. We attended a Mo. Meeting
of Ministers & Elders at this place. We next went to a
Broughton Meetg at Broughton, we were favourably impressed respecting
some Fr.ds of this Meetg, both of the younger class & others, we
made a few calls & had some religious opportunities. We
Cockermouth went next to Cockermouth, Richd Owens being our Guide, & lodged
at Jeremiah Spencers, a few neighbours were invited to meetg,
but things appeared low as related to the state of society. I
was much indisposed with a heavy cold, w.ch affected my chest,
so that altogether it was a season of discouragement.

1830 On 2d Day I kept house being very unwell. 3d Day, was their Mo: Mg 10th I attended believing it right so to do, altho'
Cockermouth very stiff unwell. I was enabled to sound an alarm amongst them, on acct. of lukewarmness, but to the comfort of some honest hearted friends, wh. afforded me relief; & I was no worse for going out. Thus I was permitted afresh to prove, that it is good to trust in the Lord, & to commit ourselves into his hand in body, soul & spirit. Next day went in
Pardshaw a Chaise to Pardshaw Meeting, dined at John Alderson's at Beach-hill, who with his wife & two of her sisters appeared lively spirited friends. Retd to Jos. Spencer's in the evening. On 5th Day
Mosedale Richd Owens accompanied us in a Chaise to Mosedale, & lodged at Jos: Nicholson's, having a Meeting there in the afternoon, several people of the village attended, but the life of religion appeared at a low ebb. In the morng of 6th Day, had a religious opportunity in the family wh. proved to my relief, & tenderness was produced in the visited. We
Gilfoot then went to Gilfoot to a meeting with the few belonging to it & some of their neighbours, but it was a low time, yet I hope there was some stirrings of good amongst them. We went to Carlisle after dining at R. Priestman's.

Next day commenced a visit to the families of friends
Carlisle as Carlisle, it appeared a fearful engagement in prospect, & I felt it to be so from day to day, as we proceeded therein, but help was graciously afforded from Him, who is strength

1836 in weakness to those who trust in him. We attended the
Meetgs on 1st day, & got nearly thro' the family visit by
Carlisle the 2nd. Meeting held on the follow$ 5th Day. The select
2Mg held the preceding evening. This 2M. was I think a
time of renewed favour, capacity was granted to espouse
the precious cause of Truth. Daniel Oliver of N Castle
was present & had some service to satisfaction. The day
Scotby following, viz: 6th Day, we had a public Meetg at Scotby
in the Eveng, a solemn season, wherein we were favoured
with the overshadowing of the divine Wing. Lydia Sutton
of that place took a share in the service. Our ancient
Frd. Joseph Sutton sat by me, who spoke very encourag-
ingly to me after Meeting, he was upwards of 90 years
old. — Attending the 2Mg at Carlisle afforded an oppy
of taking our leave of many dear friends with whom
we parted affectionately, how precious is the unity of
the spirit in the bond of peace. — On 7th Day accompa-
Penrith nied by Anderson Scott we went to Penrith, & were kindly
recd by Eliz: Ritson, a worthy Frd. between 90 & 100 years
old, her faculties appeared bright, & her religious perception
quick, it was refreshing to sit by her bedside. We had
two laborious Meetings there on 1st Day. In the evening
the neighbours were invited, great indeed was the precious
exercise of my spirit, yet thro' divine Goodness it proved
a very open Meetg & graciously owned by my good Master's

1830 Presence. On 2d Day Morng took Coach for Manches-
-ter. My dear companion who had been my acceptable
fellow-traveller thro' this Journey going for Liverpool,
we parted at Preston. — I wished to visit my son &
daughter Crewdson, the latter being confined with a
little Girl, & was favoured to reach their habitation
with a peaceful mind. I was afresh reminded of
the feelings of discouragement under which I left home,
& this passage of holy Writ feelingly revived "He that
goeth forth weeping, bearing precious Seed, shall doubt-
-less come again rejoicing, bringing his Sheaves with
him." under these feelings my heart was filled with
gratitude to my heavenly Father, who graciously re-
-gardeth the least of his flock, & dealeth very bounti-
-fully with those who trust in Him. My husband met
me at Manchester to our mutual Joy & Comfort, &
in a few days we retd home to our dear family at
Liverpool, & were thankful in meeting altogether again
after an absence of about 10 weeks.

1836 In 5th Mo: attended the Yly Meeting in London, & 2d: Mg at Colchester.

7th Mo: 6 ~~Eliza Lamb Barbarous~~ I embarked for the Isle of Man,
in consequence of the Concern I felt for the Inhabitants
of that Island, having obtained a Minute of the Mo: Mtg
for the purpose. I was accompanied by my husband, Henry
Ecroyd, John Thompson & Margt: Binns. ~~We had Westerly~~
We had a fine passage of 9 hours, quartered at the British Hotel

7 Mo: 7th Had a Meeting at Douglas in a Methodist's M.G. House, perhaps
Douglas about 500 persons present. 8th went to Castletown, had
Castletown a Meeting in the Methodist Chapel 400 persons I suppose pre-
sent, both these Meetings agreeable & satisfactory. Next
Ballasalla Meeting was at Ballasalla, 2 Miles from Castletown, about
150 persons attended. On the 10th (1st day) held two Meetings at
Douglas Douglas, one at 9 o'clo: in the Morning, the other at 8 o'clo:
in the Evening, both satisfactory, but rather small. 11th
Peel went to Peel & had a Meetg in the Methodist's Chapel which
was nearly, if not quite full & much favoured, many genteel
people attended, & great satisfaction evinced. 12th At reading
the Landlady of the Inn was invited to sit with us, she had
lost her husband a few months before, to whom I felt drawn
to address a few words, she evinced a tender sensible mind.
Kirk Michael. We then went to Kirk Michael, obtained the Chapel be-
longing to the Ranters, & it proved a large & good Meeting.
Ballaugh On the 13th went to Ballaugh to a Meetg held in a Ranters
Chapel, well attended & a favoured Meeting. A young wo-
man, a school-mistress, came to us after Meeting in Tears,
saying, "her heart was filled up with gratitude". After
Ramsay which went to Ramsay, & procured the Methodist Chapel
for a Meeting at 7 o'clo: in the Evening, many people attended
Kirkbride but the house not quite full. 14th went to Kirkbride near
the Point of Ayre, had a MG at 11 o'clo: wh. was a large and
Kirk-Andrews good Meeting. Then went to Kirk-Andrews & had a large

Meeting, whilst my husband was giving Notice of the
Kirk-Andreas Meeting, he met John Kiepots the Arch-deacon of the
Island to whom he shewed my Minute or Certificate, he
was very friendly, & expressed at parting his desire, "That
the Lord might guide us, & that his spirit might rest up-
on us". About 300 people at this Mg. We were kindly acco-
modated at the house of Charles & Isabella Cowla at Bal-
Ramsay Lakaan, after taking supper we returned to Ramsay to
Laxey Lodge. 15th Had a Mg near at Laxey, about 100 persons
Douglas at it, begun abt. one o'clo: — Returned to Douglas, the
road & scenery very grand. 16th Not feeling clear of
the Island, our New friends went to prepare for two
Meetings the next day, being the first of the week. 17th went
Laxey first to Laxey & had a much larger Mg there than the
previous one, I suppose abt. 500 people attended & was a
Kirk-Onchan comfortable Meetg. — Then went to Kirk-Onchan to a
Meetg in a Methodist's Chapel held in the afternoon, house
crouded, but was solid & favoured, took Tea at the house of
Douglas Joseph & Martha Diggles, after which returned to Douglas.

In the Eveng had an opportunity with the servants at
the Hotel, & a Gentleman & his Wife who wished to be present.

Next Morng 2d Day the 18th we embarked for Liverpool
on bd the Mona Isle, Capt Quale, being a fine Morng, but we
had a rough passage & very sea-sick, my husband was thrown
off his birth by a great swell, but not much worse, after

being on the water abt. 9 hours we landed safe. Altogether this was an agreeable Journey, tho' attended with much exercise & labour, & we were very harmonious & pleasant with each other, & the Meetings held to satisfaction. We had 14 public Meetings in all.

1837 At our Mo. Meeting in 4th Mo. I brot. forward a prospect I had to visit Friends ~~& others~~ in Suffolk, Norfolk & Cambridge-shire & Huntingdonshire & obtained its concurrence. I attend-ed the Q. Meeting in London after which being joined by Eliz Beck, & Barnard Dickenson feeling drawings the same way he joined us wch was agreeable to me having such
Colchester companions. After attending Qu. Meetg at Colchester & spendg some time with our dear children at Walden, we went to a
Haverhill Meeting at Haverhill, lodged at Eliz: Squires, the Meetg proved a low season, & the prospect of the Journey before me appeared
Ipswich formidable. On 2d day the 19th of 8th Mo: went to Ipswich & were kindly recd by Dykes Alexander & daughter Martha, attended Qu. Meetg here, a time of favour, & was relieved by
Sudbury the part I took therein. Next had Meetings at Sudbury, Bury
Bury St Edms St Edmunds, Bardwell & Needham, having some Meetings also
Bardwell with those not professing with us, & returned to Ipswich &
Needham were at their Meetings on 1st day. In the morning the state
Ipswich of the Meeting seemed in degree opened to my view & I endea-voured to minister in the ability received, & felt thankful

1837 for the help afforded. — In the evening a public Meet was held by my desire, but gathering slowly it was somewhat dis-
Ipswich courraging as there had been some mismanagement in giving notice, but endeavouring to keep my eye single, I was mer-
cifully strengthened for the work, & I believe the blessed Truth was raised into dominion, & I felt peace. 2d Day attended
Woodbridge Meet at Woodbridge, where I had to war with some, who appeared wise in their own eyes &c and I found after meeting there were some of this description present. In the evening went to
Leiston Leiston, to my relatives Gundry & sis. Neave's, & the following day were at ~~their~~ Meet there, in the morning with friends & in the evening had one with the neighbours. — Gundry Neave accom-
Norwich panied us next day to the house of Jane Gurney at Norwich, & having felt a concern to sit with the families of friends in that city, the select Fr. Meet being held on the evening of our arrival, a fr. sitting by me who knew of my exercise, proposed my naming it to the elders present, wch. I did, & it was cordially joined in with, but on my retiring to rest, I felt much tossed, fearing I had been too hasty in making the proposal, but en-
deavouring to settle down into quietness & feel resigned, & I found I could not go forward, or even make a beginning, if Light did not shine upon it, my mind was at length brot into calmness, & a belief revived that the thing was right, & that this was even a fresh baptism for the work. — The Fr. Meeting was not to me a time of rejoicing or of much relief. — In proceeding on the

1837 family visit, I endeavored to move on as way opened, altho'
Norwich often brot. into a feeling of unfitness for the work, yet we were
keeped along. I thot dear Eliz: Beck's gift well suited for the
service. — B. Dickenson left us after the Qu. Meetg, he had been
a truly kind & agreeable keeper & were sorry to part with him.
Tasbro' After this service was compleated we went to the Meetgs at Tas-
&c &c borough, Tividshall, Diss, Harling, Attlebro', Windham, & ret.
in Norfolk to the Mo: Meetg at Norwich, & after being at Yarmouth & Pakefield
we again went to Norwich & had a meeting with the young
people, feeling much towards them, & some appear hopeful.
But others are seeking to content themselves in an easier way, &
whilst shunning the cross, are becoming high in profession, &
it is to be feared are wise in their own eyes, not willing to sub-
-mit to the simplicity of the Truth, & yet would be accounted very
religious, & such are very hard to reach, & often by their judging
spirit obstruct the testimony of Truth in degree. Oh! the harm
which this insidious spirit does in our poor society at this
day, is grievous, it is very plausible & high sounding, seem-
-ing to understand all knowledge, & all mysteries, but it hath
not the true charity, tis only like the sounding brass & tinck-
-ling cymbals. My mind whilst in these parts was often brot
into mourning over the desolate & waste places. In some
meetings there were very few remaining to keep ~~up~~ them up
in a right spirit; but I have observed that where there is
but one true Israelite in a Meeting, strength is afforded to

1837 the rest, & to whom they can gather, & thus become in degree mem=
=bers one of another. We had satisfaction in visiting some
lowly ones, who are endeavoring, I trust, thro' much discourage=
=ment to keep their places, & some who have joined the society by
convincement have become a great strength & stay to the meetings
to which they belong. May the Lord be pleased to preserve
these & add greatly to their number is the prayer of my heart.

Benj: Holmes went with us to sundry meetings & to Lynn
Lynn where a ~~fast~~ public one was held, ~~[illegible]~~ & also had a meeting
Wisbeach with friends. Then to Wisbeach & some other places in Cambridg=
Lynn shire & had meetings, but not feeling clear of Lynn returned, & sat
with friends in their families & had another public meeting, &
one with the seamen, after which attended Mo: Meeting at Wells,
very small. We were comforted with the society of our worthy
friends James & Cordelia Boys, the latter a Minister. — We found
Camb: & Hunt: Qu: Mg some, I trust, rightly concerned for in Hunt: & Cam: Qu: Meeting,
we visited all the meetings ~~in~~ within its limits & had many pub=
=lic meetings, & found much openness among the people & great
~~ze~~ zeal evinced by friends in promoting those meetings. — In Suf=
folk & Norfolk we also had sundry public Meetings as way open=
=ed. — After finishing this service I returned home by way
Birming=ham. of Birmingham & attended Meetings there on 1st day. — On look=
=ing over this Journey, I saw, renewed cause for humiliation
under a sense of weakness; but on the other hand, having
endeavoured in singleness of eye to follow the blessed Master

1837 from day to day, I was favoured to feel very peaceful in quitting this field of labour, & a deep sense of gratitude covered my spirit as I rode along & my heart at times was filled with praise. — I arrived at home the 14th of 8th Mo: greatly comforted in meeting my beloved husband, having been separated since 1 Meeting, he having been travelling with our dear Fr.d Geo. Richardson on religious service thro' many counties. — In this Journey I attended 50 Meetings & travelled about 1169 Miles.

In the 9th Mo: of this year, I obtained a Minute of the Mo: Meeting to attend the Qu: Meet.g at Kendal & to hold some public meetings in the neighbourhood of Yealand, Lancaster &c, my kind Friend Marg.t Burns accompanied me, & I left home the 3.d of 10th Mo. & reached Kendal that night, quartered at Sam.l Marshall's; my mind was deeply tried at the prospect before me. On 4th day evening attended the Qu: M.g of Ministers & Kendal elders, wherein I was silent, but the feeling of darkness & depression was very painful. On 5th day in the meeting for worship there was no room for strangers, their own Ministers occupied the time, however in the evening both myself & Rich.d Burlingham got an opp.y to relieve our minds, and thro' gracious condescension it was a good meeting, wherein some deeply tried minds were comforted. On 6th day we called on many fr.ds living in & about the town. On 7th day went to see

1837 ownancient frds John & Dan. Bragg wch was to mutual comfort,
like a Brook by the way. First day the 8th Inst. we attended,
Mgatlend had a full opp.y to relieve my mind, & also R. Burlingham, I
believe we did not please some who are not satisfied with the
good old way, but are seeking one more easy, I believe, however as the
blessed Master was pleased to give quietness, I did not much
regard their opinion, but real friends appeared comforted. —
Milnthorp In the evening had a large public meeting at Milnthorp &
had the company of many frds from Kendal. Went to Yealand
with Wm Waithman. 2d day evening had a similar meeting at
Holme. Holme, & 3d at Sandside where we had a refreshing season with
a pretty large number of people. Several Kendal frds attended.
Preston We retd to Yealand. On the 11th had a meeting at Preston, wch was
very relieving to me. The Priest of the place gave leave for us to
occupy the room the meeting was held in, & also gave notice of
the meeting & attended himself. & at the close expressed his appro-
bation to & spoke encouragingly to me, here also we had the com
=pany of sundry frds from Kendal, & parted with them in the
feeling of much sympathy on acct of the trials they have to
endure in consequence of the sad state of things among them.
Tewitfield On the 12th had a meeting at Tewit field in a Methodists Mg House.
Silverdale the 13th at Silver dale, & on the 15th at Yealand much crowded &
Brigflatts a solemn season. On the 17th went to Brigflatts to a general
meeting, very trying, yet in part relieving, wherein I had fresh
cause to lament over the darkness of the separating spirit. We

1837 we dined at — Handley's. In the evening had a good Meeting in
Kirby Lonsdale a House belonging to the Methodist's at Kirby-Lonsdale. Jn.° Johnson
& pretty many fr.ds were with us, & after meeting being a pretty large
company at the Inn, we had a sweet opportunity, & separated un-
der a thankful sense of the love of our heavenly Father, & ret.d
Yealand back to Yealand. On the 18th went to the Mo. Meet.g at Lancaster
Lancaster after which we parted with our kind Yealand friends. The 19th
Wray had a public meeting in friends M. H. at Wray, & the 20th at Kellet
Kellet. before this meeting I felt so stripped of all sense of good, that I
was ready to call in question the propriety of appointing it, but
when the time came & the people collected, fresh matter sprung
w.ch I thankfully believed was from the living spring, & we were
favoured with a solemn good Meeting. On 1st day the 22 had a very
Lancaster large public meeting at Lancaster, I went to it under an awful
sense of the weightiness of the engagement, my mind being un-
der great exercise, & it was not long before way opened to speak,
when things both ancient & new were revived, it was a solemn
meeting, much to my relief, for which I felt very thankful to
Him, who I believe hath put me forth, to Him be all the praise,
& may the residue of my days be devoted to His service. On 2d day
West-Bank } was at a small but quiet meeting at West-Bank, several Lancas-
Poulton } ter friends with us. On 3d day had another at Poulton, which
was attended by people from adjacent villages, but small, being
a wet evening, but we were favoured, I trust, with the oversha-
Heysham dowing wing of divine regard. 4th day had a meet.g at Heysham

1837 in a methodist chapel much crouded, & the people appeared very attentive & my heart was much enlarged towards them. 5th day had a meeting at Overton in a room at the Inn, & altho' the night was wet & stormy, the people came out freely, Sus.a Hayworth said a little at the close agreeably, there appeared many feeling, seeking minds among them, they were directed to the true Teacher, may the Lord prosper his own work amongst them.

Bolton On 6th day had a meeting at Bolton, in a room procured for us by a kind Methodist, w.h was well filled & proved comfortable. The Vicar of this place disapproved of women's preaching, and refused the use of a school-room. On 1st day had a meeting at Skiton, Sus.a Hayworth with us & proved a helper in the work, the people behaved well, but it was more laborious than some. 2d Day had another meeting at Caton in a Methodist Mg House, amongst an orderly set of people, we were, I trust, graciously owned by the presence of the great Master. On 3d day went to Ulverston & quartered at Nan. Goad's, & the following day

Ulverston had a large meeting in a Methodist Mg House. I felt great openness to address the audience, which looked very respectable, I had been very much concerned abt. the meeting before, & greatly bowed in spirit before the Lord, as is often my case before going to such meetings, but my reliance being upon my good Master, He was pleased to be graciously near in the needful time, so that I was soon ready to speak after entering the pulpit, & matter flowed freely, & it proved a good meeting.

1837 wherein I had renewed cause to commemorate the goodness of the Lord. I may here remark, that sometimes in meetings when my heart is enlarged in gospel love, things are often opened to me in a way I have not before experienced, by Him, I trust, who hath the Key of David, who when he opens, none can shut, & when he shuts, none can open, to whom be all the praise of His own works for ever. On 5th day morning

Cartmel Grange & Ulverston we crossed the sands to Cartmel where he had a meeting in the evening. & on 6th day at Grange & Flookborough, & returned to Ulverston on 7th day. These meetings were I believe satisfactory & relieving to my mind. — In the night I was low & thoughtful about my movements, but was greatly cheered by the revival of the following passage of scripture, "Tho' the mountains depart, & the hills be removed, my kindness shall never depart from thee, nor the covenant of my peace be removed". the sweetness of this remained with me as I rode along the following day, but when I arrived at Ulverston, I rec^d a Letter from home containing some trying intelligence wch affected me much, but the remembrance of this gracious promise greatly sustained me, & I was led to marvel at the condescension of my heavenly Father to one of the poorest of His children. The next day had

Swarthmore a public meeting at Swarthmore, in the forepart was greatly depressed, but by keeping my eye to the Lord with earnest prayer for help, the cloud dispersed, & I was enabled

to minister to the people of what seemed to arise as out of the deeps, it was to some a tendering season, & I left the meeting much cheered. Next went to a meeting at Back-barrow, held in a Methodist Mg House, wch was crouded, & my heart much enlarged amongst them & I enjoyed sweet peace.

We had before ~~had~~ taken our places for 2d day morning to return to Lancaster, but in the evening felt some hesitation about going, without having a meeting at Newton & felt most easy to stay another, & our places in the Coach were transferred to the following day. The meeting was well attended & it proved a solid time, & we returned to Lancaster next morning in peace. Next day attended Mo: Meet at Lancaster & met again with many friends to our comfort. In the evening we had an open good meeting at Slyme. On 5th day the 9th of 11th Mo: we returned by way of Preston, & was at Mo: Meeting there, & got home in the evening. My dear family were glad to see me & I was pleased to see them, but I felt depressed in mind, & after retiring to rest, I found I had left part of the work undone, which greatly afflicted me, & there seemed to my inward view, like a hand pointing toward some places which had been omitted. I felt resigned to return if required. And He who saw that the omission was not in disobedience, but from a fear of going where I was not sent, was pleased to make way for me to return, opening some further service for me in that part. I informed friends at our select

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~~1837~~ Mo: Meeting how I was situated, & they encouraged me to proceed
with the engagement. On the 4th of 1st Mo: 1838, accompanied
by my dear fr.d Marg.t Binns we went to an appointed Meet.g at
Golgate Golgate in Lancaster, it was held in a Mill, many people attended,
& matter flowed freely towards them & it proved comfortable. After
Calder-bridge it went to Lancaster to lodge. On the 5th went to Calder-bridge
being 6th day. On 1st day morning was at their prep: Meet.g, & in
Eccleston the even.g had a public one, a solid opentime. On 2.d 3.d 4th 5th &
Elswick Pouton Blk-pool Freckleton 6th days, had public meetings at Eccleston, Elswick, Pouton,
Black-pool & Freckleton. On 1st day the 14th had a similar meet.g
Garstang at Garstang in the morning, & in the evening another at Golgate,
Golgate which was largely attended & a favoured Meeting, after which
went to the house of Rich.d Jackson. On 2.d day the 15th had
Preston a Meeting at Preston, which wound up this engagement com-
-fortably, & returned home in peace.

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Whilst on her first visit to Ireland she wrote thus "We have had abt 120 family sittings at Cork, the cup which hath been handed to us hath been mixed, bitter & sweet, but without the former, we cannot expect to enjoy the latter, so that I desire to be thankful for both, (& accept them as wholesome food".)